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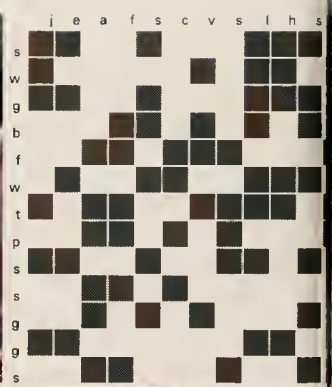

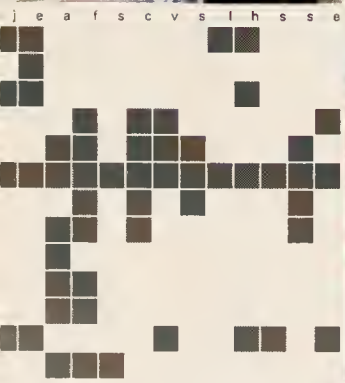

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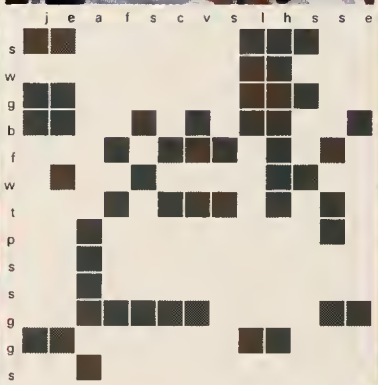

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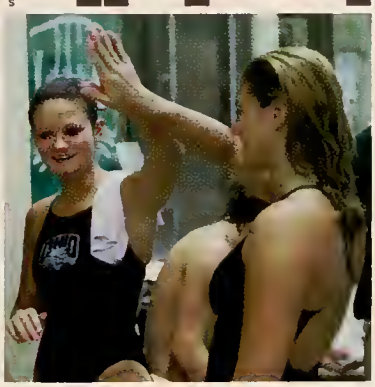

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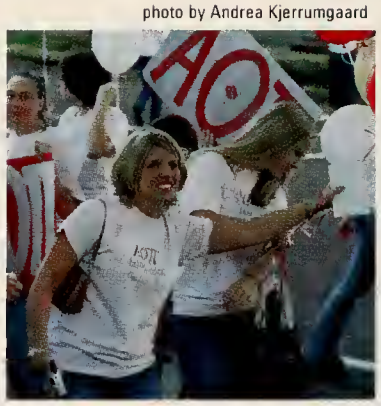

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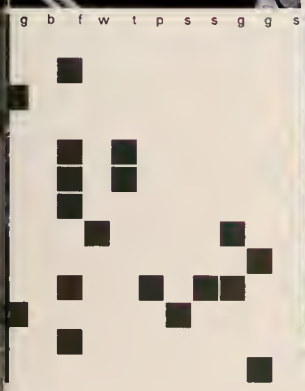

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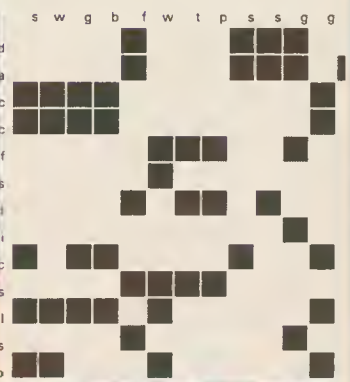

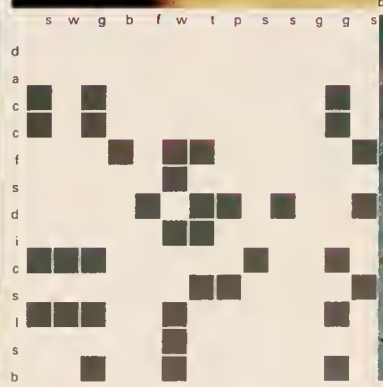

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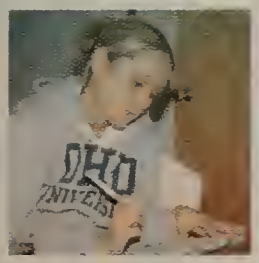

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Students and alumni enjoy homecoming victory

by katie bra

The dark, cloudy sky and rain-soaked streets failed to keep the OU students, alumni and their children away. They lined the sidewalk and crowded the windows of the Baker Center as the Student Alumni Board kicked off Homecoming weekend with the fourth annual "Yell Like Hell" pep rally Thursday, October 10.

Throughout the evening, the Marching 110 provided the crowd and OU's dance team with booming beats. The band filled Union Street in front of Baker Center, shouting, dancing, and making the already enthusiastic crowd even more excited for Saturday's parade and football game. The OU cheerleading squad also played a part in the event, periodically launching mini-footballs into the crowd from where they stood beside the dance team on the Baker Center's steps.

As the rally came to a close, OU football head coach Brian Knorr took hold of the microphone.

"Each of these men," he began, referring to the team standing before him, "is going to play their tails off Saturday and bring home a Homecoming win!"

The crowd erupted with cheers at Knorr's promise.

For those who attended the pep rally, the Marching 110 served as a preview for the coming weekend.

During Saturday's parade the band led the way through downtown Athens and stormed Peden Stadium's field for the football half-time show, keeping everyone present in anticipation of what was to come. Even some alumni opted to participate, marching in the Alumni Marching 110 during the parade and during the half-time show.

"The parade was my favorite," stated first-year Marching 110 tuba player Ben Saylor, "especially going down Court Street and seeing all the people cheering and dressed in Bobcat clothing."

"I loved it," OU alumna Verna Shivley said of the parade. For the first time since her graduation in 1943, Shivley returned to OU and decided to walk around the campus on a self-guided

Above: Senior Justin Middau shows his support for t Bobcats and the OU Water Team as he coasts along Un Street during the Homecomi parade.

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Left: Members of the Marching 110 crank it up a notch while performing in front of screaming Bobcat fans during the Homecoming Parade.

Below: Sophomore Mandy Smith, senior Denise Antram, sophomore Erica Westa and junior Rachel Burda "Come Home" to the Delta Zeta Sorority house in style as they ride atop their float in the Homecoming Parade.

ght: The OU Bobcat cheers for team during the Homecoming rade. Later in the day, the bcats delivered a 55-27 victory er Eastern Michigan.

tour after the parade. "I miss the old part of the campus," she continued, reminiscing of days spent dancing the jitterbug at the Student Union and taking part in school events.

Alumni and friends Roger Farr and Jerry Amato, both of the class of 1963, also attended the parade and football game Homecoming weekend.

"I love the festive atmosphere; it's like returning to roots," Amato said.

"We've seen all the changes," Farr continued. "Every year we come down here, there's something different."

Farr also recalled that in the years he spent at OU as a football player, only 8,000 students attended the school. About 20,000 are currently enrolled.

Later in the day, the OU Bobcats rushed into Peden Stadium, prepared to beat the Eastern Michigan Eagles. In the end, they did, with a final score of 55-27. The score was OU's highest since 1976's 63-15 victory over Northern Illinois.

First-year student and O-Zone member Ed Battes watched the game from the edge of his seat at the 50-yard line. "OU winning a game is a big thing. It was even better because it was Homecoming and all the alumni were there," he said.

In addition to the football-playing Bobcats keeping the crowd enthusiastic with their rushing and passing abilities, the Marching 110 Bobcats, along with the Alumni Band, appealed to the fans with their renditions of various Black Sabbath and Ozzy Osbourne covers during half-time. All the late night practices proved worthwhile as the crowd cheered uncontrollably, and people jumped to their feet as the band took over the field in strict order.

"In terms of performances, that was most likely the most exciting performance of the year," Saylor said. "It was nice to see the alumni come back, and it was really neat to see different people of all ages playing and having a good time."

Battes also had praise for the bands, "'Crazy Train' was really cool because they [the Marching 110] got vocally into it, and the instruments that they used made them sound a lot like what's actually on the album," he said.

Homecoming 2002 proved extremely successful, leaving alumni and students alike counting down the days until 2003's festivities.

Left: Freshman Brad Young runs the ball in the Homecoming game as sophomore Dave Williams blocks for him.

Below: The 2002 Black Student Cultural Programming Board, Homecoming Coronation King Luis Villasenor, a junior, and Queen Jenay Wright, a senior, pose at Baker University Center Ballroom. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon.*

ove: Members of the Alumni Marching 110's drumline join the current band members out on the field during halftime of the Homecoming ne.

posite Page, Top: This years 'Yell Like Hell' Homecoming pep rally was filled with supporters like juniors Beth Hegarty and Steve Oswanski o danced to the beats of the Marching 110. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard.*

posite Page, Bottom: Justin Roush of Pomeroy evades an Eastern Michigan defender with a little help from a teammate.

Athens survives another Halloween

by jennifer lambe

Ghosts and witches and cats, oh my! If you were in Athens on Halloween weekend, November 1-3, that is just a small taste of what you saw. There was everything from a fireman to a French maid, the running of the bulls to celebrity Jeopardy.

Brigid McGuire, a first-year special education major from Lodi, Ohio, said it was her first Halloween in Athens, and it was more crowded than she expected. "It was really fun," she said. She didn't stay uptown long, but she stayed long enough to get the "Athens Halloween experience."

Most of the people in the crowd on Saturday night seemed to be having a great time. Karissa Potter, a senior advertising major from Little Hocking, Ohio, said she saw a few people fall down, but someone was always there to help them get back up and on their feet. McGuire said she expected the crowd to be more chaotic and violent than it was. "I was really surprised about how nice everyone was being to each other," McGuire said.

This year the crowd was a little safer than they have been in past years. The police reported fewer arrests this year than in the past few years. Bill Young, an electrical engineering graduate student from Athens, said he could tell the crowd wasn't as wild this year. "I didn't see any fights this year, but last year one broke out right in front of me," Young said.

Potter said she dressed up as a cat and saw many other cats and a lot of bunnies uptown during the block party. She also noted that bubble wrap was a popular costume for men.

Of course, everyone had a favorite costume of the night. McGuire said the best costume she saw was a boy who had on a fat suit and a bikini. She said she had planned to dress up, but the freezing weather deterred her plans. She said she would like to dress-up next year as long as it wasn't too cold again. Young said the best costumes he saw were girls dressed as French maids and the guys dressed as the Girls Gone Wild film crew.

Wading through the masses of ghosts, goblins and SpongeBob Squarepants-es, it seemed most students made it out safe and with smiles on their faces.

Above: Anyone searching for a one-night stand can keep looking, unless they just need a place to set their alarm clock. *Photo by Alicia Whissel*

Left: These hags mix up some Halloween trouble on Court Street during the annual Halloween bash. *Photo by Alicia Whissel*

Below: Musicians join in the Halloween celebration, playing at stages set up on Court Street as well as in the local bars.

Top Left: Friends help each other get ready to join the party. Outlandish make-up and face painting becomes common in Athens at Halloween.

Top Right: Anyone need some spiritual guidance?

Bottom Left: Friends stick together during Halloween in Athens by locking arms. Some reports estimate that crowds peaked at over 20,000 people this year.

Bottom Right: Sometimes the best way to enjoy Halloween in Athens is to sit back and watch – which is just what this visitor did while perched on the steps of the county courthouse.

Coffee shops create unique atmosphere

by michelle shive

Nestled among the bars that line Court Street are four coffeehouses. These four establishments offer students unique atmospheres to study, relax, and socialize, all while getting a great cup of coffee.

The most obvious reason for hanging out at a coffeehouse is, of course, the coffee. "Basically, I like to drink coffee," said junior Ken Mitskavich. "I'm already there at the coffeehouse, so I might as well s down."

Several of the coffeehouses seem to invite students to relax with oversized chairs and comfortab couches. Second-year student Giannalisa Ciaffoncini is a frequent customer at Perks. "I like the big glas windows and the location," she said. "It's a great place to people-watch."

Senior Angie Nieporte is an occasional patron of the coffeehouses. "Sometimes I need to study, so figure that coffee will at least wake me up a little bit," she said. "The atmosphere is relaxing but not like library where it's completely different."

The Front Room is located on the ground floor of Baker University Center. Amber Aaron, a first-year graduate student, comes to The Front Room, "because it's convenient and close to where I'm usually going... I usually meet friends for a break from studying," she said.

The Front Room sponsors open-stage nights that attract a whole new crowd to the coffeehouse scene. Performers invite their friends and bring in people who may not have ever been inside one of the coffeehouses before. "There are roughly 150 to 200 people at Open Stage on Friday nights," estimated senior Katie Snowden, an employee at The Front Room. She said that people come to see their friends and then leave after their friend's fifteen minutes onstage. The next performer brings a whole new group of people. "There's a lot of people coming and going all night."

The Front Room also features a different band each Saturday night. Depending on the band's popularity, up to 300 people will attend. "We have everything from punk and garage bands to Irish music to a lot of acoustic stuff," Snowden said. She remembers one of her favorite acts from last year, which consisted of two performers: one on a typewriter and one on a ukulele. The crowd loved them.

"The biggest thing about the Front Room is that we have a crazy sort of character that is just very laid back," explained Snowden.

Donkey Coffee and Espresso also attracts customers with entertainment, such as poetry readings, open mic nights, and scheduled concerts. Some students might visit Donkey for a different reason. "The coffee is organic and Fair Trade Coffee," explained first-year student Alex Csicsek. "So you can be socially conscious as you're drinking your coffee."

Other coffeehouses feature signature food items that lure students into their establishments. Brenen's Coffee Café has a full deli serving soups, salads, and sandwiches, along with coffee and other beverages. Employee Jaeda Presson, a third-year student, thinks that Brenen's is popular, "because we have food, too -- you can get a sandwich along with your coffee." Most other coffeehouses offer a selection of varied pastries, muffins and other snacks.

Whatever reason students have for hanging out in coffeehouses, they likely will not change in the years to come. The coffeehouses in Athens will continue to be places that encourage relaxation, studying, lots of fun with friends, and drinking a lot of coffee.

Top Right: Musicians warm up for one of The Front Room's baker Nights concerts. Baker University Center provides free entertainment for students each weekend, including scheduled concerts and Open Mic Nights on The Front Room stage.

Top Left: A student studies in The Front Room. Besides serving as a meeting place and a venue for concerts, local coffeehouses attract many people with their studious atmospheres.

Middle Right: Seniors Melissa Murray, Shelby Gibson and April Wackerman relax, share pictures and enjoy the afternoon at Brenen's Coffee Café. *Photo by Alicia Whissel.*

Middle Left: Just another average day — Jaeda Presson, junior, makes change for Monica Chillious, freshman, after Chillious ordered lemonade at Brenen's Coffee Café. *Photo by Alicia Whissel.*

Bottom: A student lounges in The Front Room as she completes some reading for a class. Several of the coffeehouses provide couches and comfortable armchairs to add a home-away-from-home feel.

Dads invade Athens

by jennifer bish

Ohio University has always offered a number of special days that some other schools do not provide. Family activities are among the features that set Ohio University apart from the rest. Many schools have parent weekends, but few have weekends specifically for dads, moms, and siblings.

Dads' Weekend began on Friday, January 17, with a full line-up of activities to keep dads and students busy all weekend and into the early hours of the morning. From Friday night to Sunday, the streets were filled with dads and students. Some students were even "adopted" for the weekend by the dads visiting friends and roommates.

Baker University Center hosted Game Nights both Friday and Saturday with games ranging from pingpong to pool. As usual, Bad Art After Dark offered a relaxed evening creating keepsakes. Karaoke, Open Stage and presentations at Lindley Cultural Center and the Kennedy Museum of Art were also offered. For those who wanted to stay out until morning and were looking for a little fright, *Scream* aired as the Midnight Movie at the Athena Cinema all weekend.

On Saturday, many dads and students made their way to the Convocation Center to see the Bobcats battle the Miami Redhawks on the basketball court. Dads filled the Convo, some even venturing into the O-Zone. Despite great efforts and the presence of the spirited dads, Ohio lost the game. However, later in the evening the OU club hockey team faced off against Wisconsin, winning their game. Rochelle Sewer, a first-year st dent stated, "The hockey game was probably my favorite part of the weekend."

The array of activities was not the only thing on the minds of students during Dads Weeken According to many, the most exciting part of the weekend besides seeing Dad was eating "real food." Th break from dining-hall food and boxed macaroni was greatly appreciated. From Friday night to Sunda afternoon, students and fathers wandered up and down Court Street searching for meals.

However, the biggest event of the weekend was the guest speaker at Templeton-Blackburn Alum Memorial Auditorium. The university arranged for Rich Eisen, an ESPN anchor, to visit the campus Saturda night to provide an insider's look at the sports industry. Mark Abramowicz and his father went to listen Eisen and his views. "We saw Rich Eisen, which was a lot of fun, but the best part was hanging out with m dad and all my friends at the same time. He's a really funny guy, and I think all my friends picked up on tha

Sewer summed up many students' feelings, stating, "I was really glad he came. We laughed a lot ar had a lot of fun together."

Top left:
Joe Lutz and his son Tommy enjoy a game of pool Saturday evening during Dad's weekend.

Top Right:
Kristen and Jay Barker (left) and Dick and Renee Brenneman (right), unwind in the Corner Room at Baker Center. When asked about the weekend, they said they, "loved the cheers at the hockey game."

Bottom and Opposite Page:
Many fathers could be seen at the basketball game cheering on the Bobcats alongside their son or daughter.

Sibs taste college life

by stacia golem

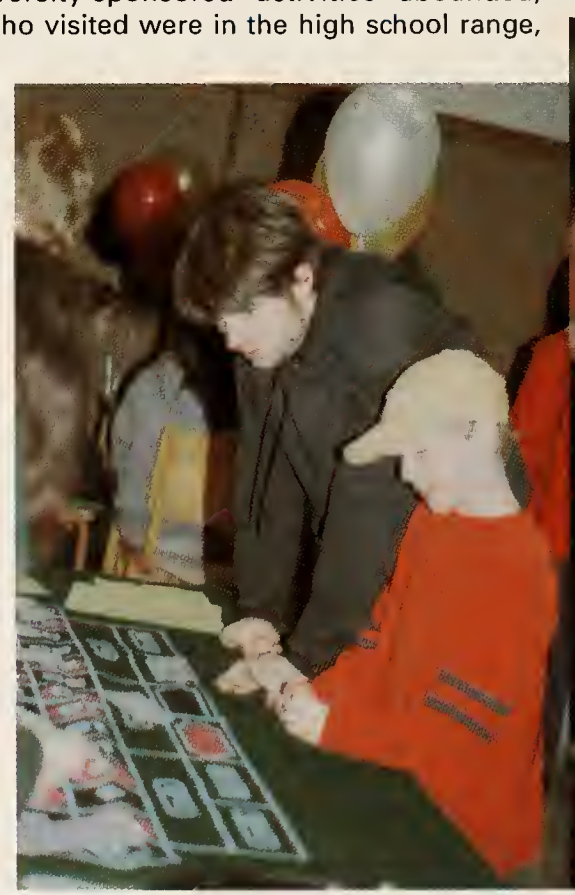
One of Ohio University's most celebrated traditions is Sibs' Weekend, a time for younger brothers and sisters, or even cousins, neighbors and friends, to visit their college-attending elders for a chance to experience college life, or just to have fun with their loved ones. Some older siblings come and join the fun as well.

Held February 28 through March 2, this year's Sibs' Weekend provided various activities appealing to all age groups and personalities. Sporting events, musical shows, movies and art activities geared toward the younger crowd were scheduled throughout the weekend.

One of the more popular events, especially for younger children, was the Rec Fest at Ping Recreation Center, a carnival-type activity with laser-tag, inflatable games, caricature artists and the like. Another popular event was Busta Rhymes in concert, held at Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium, a fun happening for teen-aged visitors. First-year student Lauren Carlin said, "Busta did a great job interacting with the audience, which made the show that much more enjoyable for everyone."

For sports fans, the men's basketball team played a Mid-American Conference game at the Convo, and Bird Arena hosted the ACHA tournament, meaning hockey games were played all weekend. Ohio University played two games, winning the semi-final game against Arizona, and coming in second place overall. "It was neat to take my little brother to the game to let him experience all the school spirit," said first-year student Leanna Jadwisiak. "He had a lot of fun among all the excitement."

Although university-sponsored activities abounded, many little siblings who visited were in the high school range, and they came trying to get a taste of the college independence that is in their near futures. "My brother is a junior in high school, so I wanted him to feel what it is like to be in college," stated sophomore Justin Feldkamp. "Plus, I hadn't seen him in a while, and I wanted to spend some quality time with him." Whatever the reasons for visiting, siblings and their hosts were provided with a wide array of activities to help them get to know OU, and each other, a little better.



Above: Sisters, Kelsey (left) and Karyn Labbe (right), count their winnings after the Sibs' Weekend carnival.

Left: Students and siblings enjoy the carnival at Jefferson Hall. The carnival, held Saturday night, included games, blackjack tables, food and prizes for students and siblings of all ages.

Photos by Katie Labbe

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Programs promote diversity and understanding

by michelle shively

Ohio University students are fortunate enough to have access to two different departments devoted to multicultural programming. Both the Office of Multicultural Programs, located in Baker Center, and Lindley Cultural Center provide opportunities for students of all ethnicities to participate in campus events. The mission statement of the Office of Multicultural Programs is "to provide a diverse range of programs and opportunities that are educational, recreational, social and cultural," according to the office. "The staff develops programs that increase understanding and appreciation of cultural differences by familiarizing the campus community with the contributions and histories of African-American, Hispanic/Latino-American, Asian-American and Native American cultures."

Programs that the Office of Multicultural Programs supports include Hispanic Heritage Month in October, Kwanzaa activities, Black History Month in February, Women's History Month and Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May. Multicultural Programs plans activities like movies, lectures and performing arts events to celebrate these cultures and raise awareness for different cultures on the OU campus.

The Blackburn/Spencer Scholarship and Achievement Awards are awarded to OU students who have made significant contributions to the university community while maintaining excellent academic records. These awards honor Martha Jane Hunley Blackburn, the first African American female graduate of OU and Donald A. Spencer, the first African American Chairman of OU's Board of Trustees.

Within the Office of Multicultural Programs, students can join several different organizations. One of these, Alpha Psi Lambda, is a fraternity for Hispanic and Latino students. They do not, however, limit their membership to only multicultural students. President Alisha Rojas said, "The biggest benefit is helping to educate the students on campus about another growing culture." The fraternity tries to reach out to the Athens and Hocking communities and plan programs that are both educational and fun social events. During Hispanic Heritage Month, Alpha Psi Lambda helped plan various activities that produced impressive turnouts. Speaker Maria Hinjosa spoke to a crowd of more than one hundred students on the challenges she faced due to her heritage.

Other organizations include Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. – Phi Chapter, the Black Student Cultural Programming Board (BSCPB), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ohio University National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Society of Black Engineers, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Native Peoples Awareness Coalition (NPAC) and many others.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was the first African-American, Greek-letter organization and the first African-American organization, overall, established at OU. The BSCPB was established to provide social, cultural, educational and recreational programs for minority students, primarily African-American students. Its annual activities include the Homecoming Pageant and Dinner, Sibs Weekend Variety Show and Sibs Weekend Concert. The OU National Pan-Hellenic Council serves as the governing body for the historically African-American fraternities and sororities on campus.

The Cultural Center's purpose is to provide a place of learning and cultural teaching. The focus is intercultural and all members of the OU community are encouraged to take part in its activities regardless of their background. Better human understanding towards all cultures is the goal of their programs and studies.

ɔ: Wesley Byers (right), a graduate student, explains the Vietnamese New Year to graduate students Yoko Sase and Bo Zhu, and Ryota Deguchi
t), a Japanese instructor, at Morton Hall on February 8. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon*

ttom Left: Students Makiko Kudo, Bo Shn, Keiko Mae and Josh Bear talk during a Japanese coffee gathering. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

ttom Right: Van Le explains traditional Vietnamese New Year food to the audience while Yossi Neiman looks on. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon*

Campus events honor Black history

by erica lutterbein

In February, America celebrated Black History Month, and Ohio University joined in the celebration with various events on campus. Events ranged from concerts to conferences to speakers, and were sponsored by OU organizations like the International Student Union, Lindley Cultural Center, The Office of Multicultural Programs, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Health and Human Services, National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Society of Black Engineers, Black Student Cultural Programming Board, and the Black Student Communication Caucus.

The Kennedy Museum of Art also contributed to the campus' recognition of Black History Month with two exhibits during February and March. "Genesis, Hiroshima and Toussaint L'Ouverture: Three Series of Prints by Jacob Lawrence" featured prints by Jacob Lawrence, a world-famous African-American Artist. The other exhibit was entitled "People of Color: A Multicultural Role in History." It was a collection of photographs and artifacts that told the story of families from the small Athens County town of Kilvert, according to *The Post*. The exhibit was by guest curator David Butcher.

According to Ohio University's Office for Diversity, other campus events in Honor of Black History Month included a concert by Jimmy Bosch, a reputable trombonist; Sankofa Museum, an exhibit of historic artifacts from the slave trade; Nguzo Saba Leadership Conference; speaker Michael Christopher, an African-American comic book author; Taste of Culture, a gathering where students shared a meal and competed in African-American trivia games; Community and Campus Day II, which celebrated Southeast Ohio's African-American history; speaker Christopher Edley Jr., former Presidential advisor and civil rights activist; Malcolm X Commemorative, which featured speaker and activist Muriel Feelings; the Black Student Communication Caucus Conference, which featured workshops to prepare students for the communications industry; and Africa Day, when the Atrium Café in Grover Center served authentic African dishes.

African history has been celebrated in America since 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African-American scholar, instituted it because of the lack of African-American representation he found in history books. He chose February to celebrate African-American history because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two people Woodson thought had greatly influenced African Americans, both had February birthdays.

February is a significant month for African-American history in many ways:

- •February 23, 1868: Writer W.E.B. DuBois was born
- •February 3, 1870: The Fifteenth Amendment gave African Americans the right to vote
- •February 25, 1870: Hiram R. Revels became the first black U.S. senator
- •February 12, 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded.
- •February 1, 1960: A group of black students held a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter and made history.
- •February 21, 1965: Malcolm X was shot and killed.

ove Left: Students gather at one of the many events held during Black History Month. These events were planned with the goal of inspiring dents to think about the lasting impression many African Americans have made on the U.S. and Ohio University.

ove Right: The Kennedy Museum of Art, located at the Ridges, held two exhibits celebrating Black History Month, including the one seen ove.

OU

Students celebrate snow day

by molly tinke

Because of dangerous weather, President Robert Glidden closed the university on Monday, February 1 After a weekend of heavy snow and ice, students had a free day to go sledding, have snowball fights an build snowmen.

A level-three snow emergency kept most cars off the roads and allowed students to roam the tow and campus on foot. Cold weather and accumulated snow did not prevent many students from finding way to enjoy their free day. On nearly every hill, students could be seen sledding on anything that looke like it might work. Students stood at the top of the Jefferson Hill cheering each other on as they tried to sle on food trays, mattresses, laundry baskets, cardboard and various other materials. Even skis and snow boards appeared occasionally.

On other parts of campus, students put their creativity to the test. Snow-forts and igloos were buil Snowmen of all sizes appeared, and even a snow bobcat was built on South Green. Several residents of th Front Four used giant snowballs to block off Stewart Street in front of Crawford Hall, forcing drivers to fin an alternate route.

Many students who had left town for the weekend did not make it back until Tuesday, causing man to miss classes. "I had to miss my advertising class Tuesday afternoon because I was trapped up in Michiga and couldn't make it back in time," said second-year student Andrea Kjerrumgaard. "My professor didn really care though."

Classes officially resumed Tuesday morning at 10, although many professors and instructors chose t cancel classes on their own because of the still-hazardous roads.

Top Right: Students slide and climb upon a snow-covered building. *Photo by James Patterson*

Top left: Enjoying the snow and a day off from classes, freshman Maria Waltner and Beth Bouchard build a snowman on south green. *Photo courtesy of Maria Waltner*

Bottom Photos: Students slide down Jefferson Hill on anything nearby. *Photo by James Patterson*

The players are more than just your teammates; they are your best friends.

- Carl Fechko,
on Men's Rugby

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Football

showing their teeth attacking the MAC

by
kelly michael

Head Coach Brian Knorr's second season at the helm of the football program was muc more successful than his first. The Bobcats improved their MAC record by three games.

The Ohio Football Team opened their season by playing two perennial bowl contenders i their first three games. Against the University of Pittsburgh in the first game of the seasor Pittsburgh jumped out to a 13-0 halftime lead on a nine-yard touchdown run and two field goals The Bobcats managed two rushing touchdowns in the second half, but they were not enough a the Bobcats fell 27-14.

A dismal offense performance doomed the Bobcats the following weekend as they los their home opener at Peden Stadium to Division 1AA foe Northeastern 31-0.

The Bobcats were 43 point underdogs as they traveled to Gainesville, Florida to play th Florida Gators at the Swamp. Tropical storm Hanna caused a 50-minute delay as the Bobcats hel a 3-0 lead against the 12th ranked team in the country. Despite 213 rushing yards for the Bobcats Florida prevailed 34-6.

The Bobcats finished their pre-conference schedule 0-4 as they lost to the University o Connecticut the following weekend.

The first MAC conference game of the season for the Bobcats resulted in their first win. A Peden Stadium, the Bobcats outlasted Buffalo 34-32 on a Kevin Kerr field goal with ten seconds remaining. Ohio finished MAC Conference play with a 4-4 record. Ohio beat Buffalo, Eastern Michigan, Kent State and Akron and lost to Bowling Green, Miami, Marshall, and the University of Central Florida.

Ohio running backs Chad Brinker and Bop White were named All-Mid-American Conference.

Top: With the ball secured, running back Bobby Jones rushes down the field with confidence, knowing that he has protection from Hugh Grant, Joe Sellars, and Rich Constantine.

Bottom Left: The Bobcat defense has come. Leading the pack with the tackle is sophomore Dennis Chukwuemeka. Also ready for attack is Chip Cox, Kevin Carberry, and Rich Constantine.

Bottom Right: Although the Ohio offense usually resorts to rushing, sophomore quarter back Fred Ray decides to use this play to go long and attempt a pass.

Photos by Andrea Kjerrumgarrd

Opposite Page, Top: One of Ohio's lead rushers, sophomore Stafford Owens, gets ready for a celebration as he drops the ball in the end-zone after a touchdown.

Right: Injured quarterback Ryan Hawk may not become a hero by his participation in this game, but he is already a hero to these Ohio fans who gladly wait to get an autograph.

Below: Sophomore Rob Stover delivers a fierce tackle to an Akron rusher to prevent any more advancement down the field.

Right: Wide receiver Stafford Owens advances the ball down the field while missing a tackle from the Eastern Michigan defense.

Opposite Page, Bottom: Tailback Justin Rousch powers through a tackle to add a few extra yards to his rush.

Photos by Andrea Kjerrumgaard

A Face of Football:
Chad Brinker

Chad Brinker, a 5-foot-11-inch senior tailback, led the ground attack for the OU football team throughout the season with 1,099 rushing yards, including 10 rushing touchdowns. For his career, Brinker rushed for 2,826 rushing yards, the fourth highest total in Bobcat football history.

Brinker, who led the team in points scored this season with 68, is third on the all-time career points-scored list with 184. In addition to his 10 rushing touchdowns, he also caught a touchdown pass against Miami and threw for a 58-yard touchdown against Marshall. Along with other top seniors from across the country, Brinker was selected to compete in the Hula Bowl. Brinker, an exercise physiology major, also participates in track.

Soccer surpassing the past winning it

by kelly michael

Following last season's quadruple overtime loss to Central Michigan in the MAC Tournament semi-finals, reaching the finals of this year's tournament was sweet revenge for seniors Amy Back, Abby Leopold, Rachel Sanders, Rachel Naijar, Anita Alexander, and the rest of the OU women's soccer team.

In the 70th minute of the tournament's first round, a goal by midfielder Naijar lifted the third-seeded Ohio team to a 1-0 victory over the fifth-seeded Eastern Michigan Eagles. In the semi-finals against Ball State, sophomore midfielder Kendra Hornschemeier, who led the conference in assists, scored the lone goal of the game in the 56th minute. However, in the finals the team was unable to overcome a three goal first-half barrage by the two-time defending MAC Tournament Champions Miami Redhawks. The Bobcats finished the season 15-5-2, posting the most wins since the 1998 season. Midfielders Leopold, Naijar and Hornschemeier were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Leopold earned First Team MAC honors, while Naijar, sophomore back Crystal Reed, and junior forward Christel Schiering were named to the Second Team. Leopold finished the season with seven goals and ten assists, Naijar was the team's second leading scorer, Reed was the team's defensive stopper, and Christel Schiering led the team in points and goals.

OU's Head Coach Stacy Straws highlighted the season's memorable moments as reaching the finals of the MAC Tournament, Schiering's breaking of the school's all-time goals-scored record, posting a 15 win season and key non-conference victories over Atlantic-10 Conference foe George Washington, Big East Conference opponent Pittsburgh, and MAAC enemy Fairfield.

Right: Ohio sophomore Kendra Hornschemeier, a business major, lunges to keep possession of the ball from Kent State's Cassi Johnson. *Photo by Alicia Whissel*

Far Right: Gina Siedentopf, a sophomore midfielder, works to return the ball into Ohio's possession.

Left: Members of the soccer team strategize during a break in the play.

Below: Ohio Junior Christel Schiering faces off against Kent State's Jackie Pecjak. The day's game left her one goal away from tying the school record for goals scored in a career (a record she topped later in the season). *Photo by Alicia Whissel.*

A Face of Soccer: Abby Leopold

Abby Leopold, a 5-foot-4-inch senior midfielder, completed her OU Women's Soccer career by tying for the program's all-time lead in career assists and placing second in the number of games played, fifth in goals scored and fourth in points. After finishing her senior season with 11 assists and seven goals, Leopold became only the third Bobcat ever to be named to the All-Great Lakes Region Second Team.

"Abby stepped up her play this season and was consistently our most dangerous offensive threat," said OU Head Coach Stacy Strauss. In addition to being named to the Great Lakes Region tournament team, Leopold was also selected for the All-MAC first team and to the All-Mac tournament team. Leopold intends on continuing her soccer career once she graduates this spring with a degree in organizational communication.

X-Country

youthful determination confidence in experience

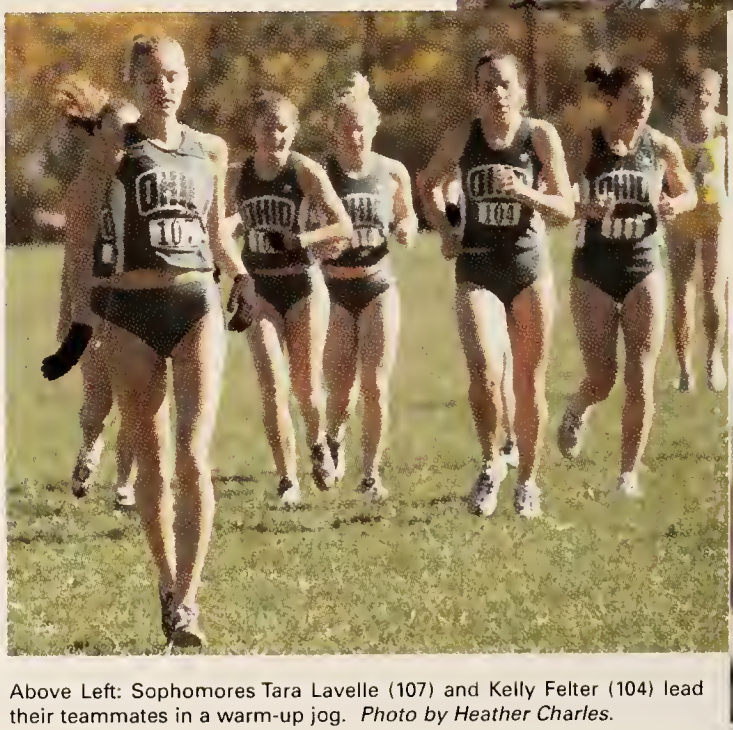
by jennifer bishop

Cross Country runners face challenges every day, ranging from time-management to 20 hours of strenuous practice a week to the stress of competitions. However, the runners of OU, led by **Coach Elmore Banton**, were ready to take on these challenges and many more. Despite young teams for both the men and women, injuries, and the lack of a home meet during the season, the cross country teams ended their season with visions of a promising future.

For the women's team, injuries plagued runners even before the official season began. One of the top runners was hurt and out for most of the season while two others were temporarily unable to run. During the season it seemed that the team was never completely healthy, but it did "bounce back at the end of the season," **Kelly Felter**, the women's team's co-captain, said.

Similarly, injuries also plagued the men's team at the beginning of the season. But for a team made up of mostly first- and second-year students, the bigger challenge was moving up from the high school 5,000 meter races to the 8,000 meter college races. "It was a real learning experience for them," Coach Banton said.

The men's team's co-captain, senior **Brandon Grinwis**, described the team as "a great group of guys." Grinwis said, "Everyone was motivated, and that's what made it fun." According to Grinwis, their motivation and desire to give their best efforts were also keys to the success of the team.



Above Left: Sophomores Tara Lavelle (107) and Kelly Felter (104) lead their teammates in a warm-up jog. *Photo by Heather Charles.*

The many away meets also challenged the team. Traveling as far as West Virginia and Michigan, the teams spent many nights before competitions in hotels. "Traveling was hard, staying in hotels before meets and then not sleeping that well," Felter said.

Because of the construction on OU's golf course, it was not possible for the cross country teams to host a meet at home, forcing them to move from city to city on the weekends. However, the completion of the construction will allow the 2003 team to have the home advantage for some meets.

Despite all of the trials they faced, the teams moved on to the MAC Championship, the event for which they had all been tirelessly preparin since the beginning of the season. In the end, the women placed tenth out of thirteen teams, and the me placed eighth out of twelve. Although the men had been hoping to earn sixth place, Coach Banton pointe out, "they were only thirty points away from the fourth place finishers."

As for the future of Ohio University's Cross Country team, Coach Banton praised, "The future look very, very good."

)U runners and their opponents lean forward as they listen for ne starting signal. *Photo by Heather Charles*

Freshman Austin Schiele and sophomore Drew Frum jog to warm up for their race. *Photo by Heather Charles.*

bove: Alison Green, a freshman from Lancaster, works to stay head of the nearby competitors. *Photo by Heather Charles.*

A Face of Cross Country: Tracy Weittoff

Tracy Weitthoff, a senior, has not only spent her college years working to achieve her major in Special Education, but has also participated as a member of the OU cross country team for four years. She carefully balanced her school work, training and time with her friends to continue her running career. "Running is something that I enjoy," explained Weitthoff, who is also a member of the track team.

During her time at Ohio University Weitthoff recalls one of her favorite experiences at the pre-national cross country meet. In the crowd of competitors she remembers discovering "the variety of runners and talent that's out there."

Taking on challenges, Weittoff succeeded in handling her work and enjoying college life while having a positive influence on others. Choosing from all the different faces around her, Weitthoff took the opportunity to be a member of a team where she found a strong sense of "team unity," and contributed her strengths to it as well. "Tracy is a really hard worker," described fellow teammate Kelly Felter, "She is a great person who leads by example."

Volleyball surprising them all a season of success

by kelly michael

Coming off a disappointing 2001 season in which the OU Women's Volleyball Team finished with a record of 11-16 overall, nobody expected the Bobcats to finish above fourth in MAC East Division play. However, as usual, preseason predictions are meaningless once the season begins.

The Bobcats traveled to Winston Salem, N.C., to begin their season August 30th against Big East opponent Virginia Tech at the Wake Forest Demon Deacon Invitational. The Bobcats downed the Hokies in four games before beating host Wake Forest the following day. The Bobcats then easily took care of Southeastern Conference foe Auburn to redeem themselves after going 0-7 in pre-conference tournaments last season. Sophomore setter Briana Adamovsky was named tournament MVP while junior middle-blocker Laura Hageman was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The following weekend UNC-Wilmington, Gardner Webb and Furman were the three opponents the Bobcats defeated at the Furman Invitational to improve their non-conference record to 6-0.

The first true test of the season for the Bobcats came on Sept. 13 when the team traveled to Gainesville, Florida to play in the Campus USA Credit Union Invitational. The Bobcats were compensated $2000 by the Florida Athletic Department to be a "warm-up" game for the Gators before they took on the defending National Champion Stanford. In front of 2,023 fans the Bobcats held their own against the 6th-ranked team in the nation before falling in three games. After beating Houston the next day, the Bobcats finished third in the tournament.

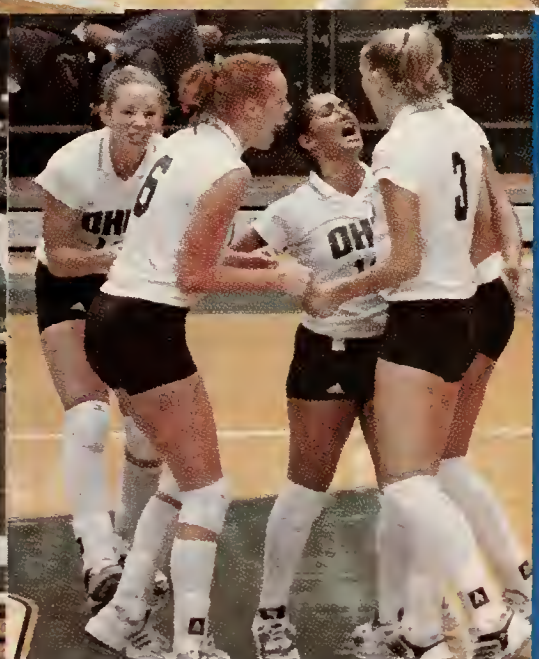
The Bobcats completed their pre-conference schedule going 10-2 after placing second in the UCONN Invational.

The following weekend, the Bobcats opened league play by defeating Bowling Green 3-0. This victory propelled the Bobcats to a 14-win conference season, the most in school history. Fourteen wins were enough to clinch the third seed in the MAC tournament. Ohio beat Kent State at the Convo in the first round of the tournament before losing to Akron in the next match. The win versus Kent State marked the first time any OU Volleyball team won a MAC Tournament match. Head Coach Mike Lessinger said, "With six starters returning from a final four team, this group will definitely be in the mix for a conference championship next year."

Hageman was named the league's most valuable player, while Adamovsky was named to the second team and Julia Winkfield earned membership to the All-Freshmen Team.

ght: Senior Tracy Binegar, from arietta, slams one past Ball ate's Nikki Allen and Stephanie ller to make the kill. *Photo by icia Whissel.*

low: Michele Gil, a senior from n Diego; Shawn Denham, a phomore from Canton; and Julia inkfield, a freshman from ewark, contemplate a lost point. oto by Alicia Whissel.



Above: Ashley Elliot, sophomore; Laura Hageman, junior; Michelle Gil, senior; and Lindsay Judice, junior, celebrate after scoring a point against Ball State. *Photo by Alicia Whissel*

Left: Laura Hageman, a junior from Cleveland on the Ohio University Volleyball team, slams the ball over the net on Saturday, October 5, in a home game against Eastern Michigan. *Photo by Lisa Swarbrick.*

Photo by Alicia Whissel

A Face of Volleyball: Laura Hageman

Third-year student Laura Hageman, a 6-foot-2-inch middle-blocker, was the 2002 Mid-American Conference Player of the Year and the first OU women's volleyball player to be selected to the NCAA Division I All-Region Team. Hageman finished the season second in blocks per game and second in hitting percentage in the MAC. She also averaged 1.27 blocks per game and hit .342 for the season, the best single season hitting percentage in school history.

In addition, Hageman was named First-Team All-Conference and earned MAC All-Tournament honors. Prior to the MAC season, Hageman earned all-tournament honors in four consecutive tournaments including MVP honors in the Furman Invitational. In the conference tournament, Hageman led the OU Women's Volleyball Team to a third-place finish and a first-round tournament victory against Kent State

Field Hockey

working together achieving as a team

by nick feltch

Ohio University s Women s Varsity Field Hockey team had another outstanding year, finishing 12-10 overall. Fourth-year head coach Shelly Morris led the Bobcats season along with assistant coach Tamara Durante and second assistant coach Lauren Mazziotto, who was a member of the team during the previous four seasons.

The team ended its season with a trip to the Mid-American Conference Tournament finals for the third consecutive year. This year s tournament was hosted by Miami University. At the MAC Quarterfinals, the fourth-seeded team gave its best effort to secure a 2-1 win against fifth-seeded Ball State after a double overtime. The following day in the semifinals, the team continued its forceful performance with a 3-2 victory over Louisville, again after a double overtime. The Bobcats suffered a 1-0 loss to Kent State in the MAC finals in a Sunday afternoon match, marking the third time the two teams have met in the title game in the past three years.

Not only did members of the field hockey team achieve as a group, but also many players earned individual recognition. OU seniors Andrea Voros and Jenn Watt were named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association West Region team; Voros was selected to the first team while Watt received second team honors. Also, senior Kristin Auge and junior Elizabeth Holzman enjoyed recognition as Academic All-MAC team members. In the winter, nine players were announced as members of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division 1 National Academic Squad.

The field hockey team is looking forward to next year s season as an opportunity to build a strong group and to possibly reclaim the MAC Championship title achieved in 2001.

Above: Andrea Voros reaches back hits the ball as a teammate and defenders look on.

Right: Ohio's Chelsea Mearig, a freshman from Lititz, Pa., attempts to keep Michigan State's Jacqueline Ahinga away from the ball long enough to get a clean shot away. *Photo by Alicia Whissel*

nt: An OU player and a competitor
n work to get the ball under control.

ow: The field hockey team listens as
d Coach Shelly Morris and Assistant
ch Lauren Mazziotto discuss the
ne plan.

A Face of Field Hockey: Andrea Voros

For Andrea Voros, field hockey has become second nature. She has been playing since she was only seven years old. The Ohio senior played midfield this year for the Bobcats. She loves the camaraderie among teammates and the intensity of the game.

Voros' best experiences while playing for OU's field hockey team are "winning the MAC championship and making life long friendships with teammates," she said. This season, the team came in second in the MAC due to several team strengths including "playing for each other and supporting one another on and off the field," Voros said.

As a senior, Voros had the opportunity to play in the final of the MAC tournament. "I played my last game of my career and had no regrets!" she said.

Voros, an Adventure Recreation major, was named to the 2002 First Team All-MAC team after leading the conference in points during the regular season. She finished her career at OU with career highs in goals (13) and points (33). Voros moved into 8th-place on the school's all-time list for most goals scored in a single season with her 13th goal of the year against Ball State. This year she led the team with a career-high six game-winning goals and a career-high 103 shots.

O-Zone

showing bobcat pride cheering them on

by michelle shively

At each Ohio University home basketball and football game, visiting teams meet a fo midable crowd when entering the Convocation Center or Peden Stadium. Besides OU's team opponents must deal with the huge section of green and white-clad students sitting in the (Zone. The O-Zone is Ohio University's student cheering section for both football and basketba Members come to every game ready to cheer on the Bobcats, have some fun and maybe eve call the other team a few names.

First year O-Zone member Lee Konkler thinks the best part of being a part of the O-Zor is "being right there by the game when the whole section gets into the cheers." O-Zone mer bers pay $15 at the beginning of the season for a t-shirt and season tickets on the floor sectio reserved for the O-Zone.

Being able to really get into the game and feeling free to jump up and down are ben fits from the O-Zone that member Chris Winner enjoys. Winner is another first year member the O-Zone. He became a member of so he could be a part of the unique atmosphere at game "We always stand up and jump up and down when we are in the lead or have the ball and such he said. "Sometimes we make fun of a player on the other team."

Konkler's favorite basketball game this season was the Akron game. Against Akron, th Bobcats went into four overtimes before finally defeating the Zips. "It was so emotional," he said. "Everybody went crazy every time we tied up the score."

Other great basketball games this season were, "Virginia and Marshall because the energy was intense and we were jumping up and down non-stop and kept making fun of one of the short guys on the team," Winner said.

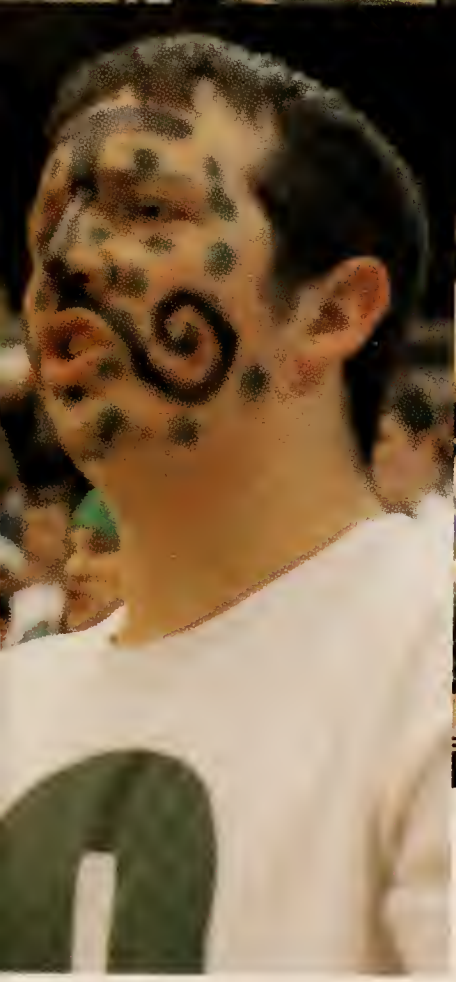
The O-Zone has a variety of cheers ready for any type of game situation. A favorite among mem bers is the "scoreboard chant."

"We end up saying 'Winning team, Losing team' and keep chanting that over and over again especially when the other team is shooting free throws," Winner explained.

The O-Zone is a favorite group among all OU sports fans. They add an intense spirit to the atmosphere in the Convocation Center and Peden Stadium, and they help energize other fans. Through their endless cheering and support, they show OU players that their fans really do believe in them.

Left: At many basketball games, fans are selected from the O-Zone to participate in a contest on the floor of the court during halftime.

Below: It seems as though Batman has decided to pay the O-Zone a visit. This mask and the dragon one seen in the background are only two of the creative costumes O-Zone members wear to the games.



Above: O-Zone members cheer as a ball goes in the basket.

Left: Two painted fans get angry at a referee's call. O-Zone members are usually very vocal about their opinions.

Basketball

showing their teeth attacking the MAC

by kelly michael

Expectations were high for the Ohio Men's Basketball Team coming into this season once senior forward Brandon Hunter decided to forgo the NBA Draft and return for his senior season. The Bobcats, who returned three starters from last year's 17-11 team, were pre-season favorites to win the MAC East Division and were ranked 53rd overall in the country. The team even tallied three points in the Associated Press top 25 pre-season ranking. However, due to numerous injuries to key players, a brutal non-conference schedule and inconsistent perimeter shooting, the Bobcats were not able to live up to the pre-season hype.

The first opponent on the schedule for the Ohio Men's Basketball Team was the Providence Friars. Despite 28 points and 11 rebounds from Brandon Hunter, the Bobcats fell to the Friars 68-91. Two days later, the Bobcats notched their first win of the season defeating the Brown University Bears 75-51, thanks to senior forward Sonny Johnson's game high 24 points. The Bobcats then proceeded to lose their next three games to MAC rival Toledo, Conference USA opponent DePaul and America East Conference foe Boston University before returning to Athens to take on the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy. The Bobcats defeated Navy 54-52 despite shooting only 27 percent from the field.

On December 23, the Bobcats traveled to the Kohl Center in Madison, Wisconsin to take on the Wisconsin Badgers. As a result of shooting only 38.3 percent from the field and being out rebounded by 13, the Bobcats lost to the eventual Big Ten Champions 51-75. Twelve days later, on January 4, the Bobcats traveled to Cincinnati to play eventual SEC Champion Kentucky. Despite 18 points from Cincinnati natives Hunter and senior forward Steve Esterkamp, the Bobcats were outlasted 75-83 by a much deeper Wildcats Team. Sandwiched between road losses to Wisconsin and Kentucky, the Bobcats defeated the St. Bonaventure Bonnies 104-101 at the Convocation Center. On January 8, in quadruple overtime, the Bobcats defeated MAC rival Akron 112-104. This game marked the start of 13 consecutive MAC games for the Bobcats. The Bobcats finished this critical stretch of conference play with a 6-8 record.

On February 26, the Virginia Cavaliers strolled into the Convo. Esterkamp scored 31 points in 38 minutes to knock off the Atlantic Coast Conference team 78-72 in front of a rowdy crowd of over 7,000. This was a rare opportunity for the Bobcats to host a team from the ACC. The Bobcats victory over Virginia propelled the men's basketball team to finish their season by winning five of their last seven games, including a 79-77 victory over Akron in the first round of the MAC Tournament and a 65-55 victory over Miami in the second round of the tournament. However, the Bobcats season ended the next night when Ohio fell to Kent State 73-70.

bove: Senior Brandon Hunter reaches over the defending Bowling Green players to dunk the ball. Hunter returned this season after decid-
g not to enter into the NBA draft.

eft: Steve Esterkamp works to keep the ball away from the defender.

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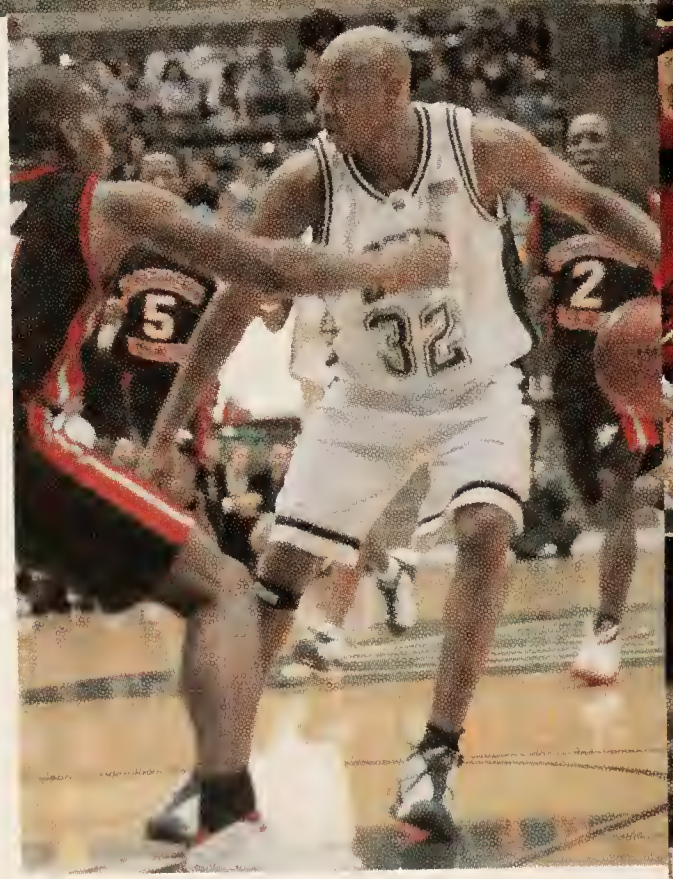

p Left: Senior Thomas Stephens pushes around a Miami defender while driving down the court. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

p Middle: Senior Brandon Hunter goes for one of his notorious slam dunks during a game against Miami. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

p Right: Senior Steve Esterkamp jumps above his defenders and rises to the basket for a perfect shot. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

ttom Left: Sonny Johnson dribbles the ball around a defender.

ttom Right: Sonny Johnson and Jaivon Harris double-team an opposing player. Both were key players on the Bobcat team.

Basketball

teamwork and practice paying off in the end

by
beth comer

Driving up and down a basketball court takes work. It is not easy to strategically plan out a play to get the ball to the net. It also takes teamwork and practice that may seem to take over a player's life. The women of the Ohio University basketball team can relate to such a feeling; they know hard work and tight schedules. However, with all the obstacles life throws in the faces of these team members, they have still mastered the court.

Coaches help to support a team full of eager players with organization and dedication. A committed team of vivacious leaders coached the Ohio Women's basketball team. Lynn Bria took charge with her position of head coach and Zena Pieters served as assistant coach. Josh Springer contributed to the team as Graduate assistant and Cathy Szall helped as Student assistant. Together, this cluster of knowledgeable individuals helped to manage our players in just the right way—the way to success and good times.

After a three-year period, the Mid-American Conference women's basketball team played every other opponent in the league at least once during the season. Also, head coach Bria guided the Bobcats to their second quarterfinal appearance at the MAC Tournament in the previous two seasons, which created an optimistic outlook for this year's team. In one of this season's games, Candace Bates, a junior from Poland, hit her second biggest shot of the year as the Ohio women's basketball team knocked off Akron, 65-60, in overtime to wrap up the regular season.

The 2002-2003 roster consisted of talent and dedication from Erin Isbell, Marcia Smoot, Andrea Johnson, Lindsay Wight, Kristian Kirkpatrick, Stacey Musacchia, Bates, Andrea Gay, Megan Oriold, Latreece Bagley and Tiffany Byrd. These women put forth much effort in the fight for winning games and playing a sport with great delight and talent. The games are worth watching when players excel and show so much enthusiasm.

Left: Junior Latreece Bagley jumps above pla
ers to rebound the ball. *Photo by Andr*
Kjerrumgaard.

Above: Sophomore player Andrea Johnson works against a Northern Illinios defender. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

Left: Freshman Stacey Musacchia holds the ball away from the defender as she looks for a teammate to pass to.

Above: Junior Candace Bates drives down the court and goes into a lay-up.

Right: Reaching to pass the ball is junior Andrea Gay.

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Left: Latreece Bagley reaches for the basket before making her shot.

Above: Junior Latreece Bagley and sophomore Kristian Kirkpatrick celebrate a shot during their home game against Northern Illinios.

Left: Players cheer their teammates on from the bench.

Photos by Andrea Kjerrumgaard

Swimming

racing the clock
diving with skill

by kevin ziegler

The Ohio Men's Swimming and Diving team finished fifth in the Mid-American Conference for the second straight season. The team concluded their season with 10 top-eight finishes at the MAC meet, held at Bowling Green State University, including one champion in junior diver Robert Krichbaum in 3-meter diving competition, and one runner-up finish by junior Jonathan Palmer in the 1650 freestyle. Other finalists in swimming events included Palmer in the 500 freestyle, sophomore Mike Shelby in the 100 butterfly and junior Eric Flecher in the 200 freestyle.

The men were led by their two elected captains, senior Bryan Bansbach and junior Jason Folt. The two captains served as a means of communication between the coaches and the team. Three seniors, Bansbach, Greg Bertram, and Alan Wight provided much needed experience for a young, up-and-coming team. Their leadership kept the team focused throughout the season. The swimmers train year-round with pre-season workouts held when the team arrives in the fall, in-season training over winter break, and spring workouts after the regular season. The busy schedule "makes you get your work done and manage your time well," said Shelby. Many swimmers also compete over the summer with club teams.

The coaching staff consisted of head coach Greg Werner, head diving coach Rob Bitner, assistant coaches Andy Kershaw and Elizabeth Kershaw, and graduate assistant Lance Asti. The coaching staff's training method was designed to slowly condition the athletes and prepare them for a big finish at the MAC meet. This year's team "peaked at the right time," Werner said, "The boys turned into young men." Werner said the team went into the conference meet with a strong performance against Miami, and he was impressed with many swimmers' performances at the end of the season.

The men's diving team was one of Ohio's strongest ever. Led by Krichbaum, the divers amassed the most diving points of the six teams at the MAC meet. The team's five divers were invaluable in dual meets, providing much needed points all year. Sophomore Rick Wade said each diver's goals include being consistent and improving upon their previous best scores. Wade complimented his teammates by saying, "anytime you get to work with someone better than yourself, it makes you better." He also said that the swimmers and divers always encourage each other and ensure that everyone feels as part of one team.

Highlights from the conference meet included two finalists in one-meter diving, and three finalists in the three-meter event. Krichbaum and junior Adam Thome reached the finals in both events, and they were joined by freshman Drew Sullivan in the three-meter finals.

Conference Awards were given to Robert Krichbaum, MAC diver of the year and First Team All MAC , and Jason Folt and Alan Wight were named to the Academic All-MAC team.

Right: Freshman diver Drew Sullivan does a dive off the 3 1/2 board. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

A Face of Swimming: Jonathan Palmer

Junior Jonathan Palmer led by example for the Bobcats swim team. Palmer earned 38 points at the MAC meet, missing an all-conference selection by half of a point. He finished second in the 1650 freestyle and third in the 500 freestyle.

When describing his runner-up finish in the mile event, Palmer said, "When I'm on the block, I don't think about what everyone else is going to do. I only think about what I'm going to do." One motivating factor was that Palmer's parents were in attendance at the MAC meet. Coming from Jacksonville, Florida, the swimmer's parents had not seen him swim competitively in four years.

Palmer credited his success in part to great coaching, especially from assistant coach Andy Kershaw. He said that Kershaw was "the best coach I've ever had," because he pays attention to the little things. "My times speak for themselves," Palmer said.

op: An OU swimmer works his way down the pool, pushing for a good time.

ottom: Swimmers Bryan Bansbach, a senior, and Brett Stetson, a freshman, talk during a break.
hotos by Ki-Eun Kweon

Swimming

consistency is key
excellence is habit

by
kevin ziegler

Following a second place finish in the MAC in 2002 and MAC championships in 2000 and 2001, the women's swimming and diving team expected to compete for the team title once again. The team finished the dual meet season with a record of 11-1, (8-1 in the MAC) good for second place for the second consecutive year.

Six swimmers were named First Team All-MAC. Those honored included seniors Emily Frasco, Trisha Kessler and juniors Courtney Gould, Heather Rennebohm, Shannon Kelly and Samantha Pfaller. Kessler was also named MAC Senior Swimmer of the Year. Pfaller and junior Courtney Kostival were named to the Academic All-MAC team.

There were many highlights during the season. At the MAC meet, the women swept all five relay events. In the past six years, the women have won 29 of 30 relays. Two school records were broken at the conference meet. Senior Swimmer of the Year Kessler lowered her own school record time in the 200 individual medley and Kelly set a new record in the 200 backstroke. In addition to the five relay championships, there were individual champions: Frasco in the 50 freestyle and Kelly in the 400IM.

Head coach Greg Werner said this year's women's team was a very close knit group. The team three captains, Kessler, Frasco and Abby Fogel, went above their normal duties by organizing team meetings and dinners. They followed a book of responsibilities created by previous captains that detailed leadership obligations in and out of the pool. "The team believed in each other," Werner said of the women. He also said they were a very balanced squad as far as talent.

The divers were led by freshman Jess Orlov. Orlov finished sixth in the one-meter diving competition and fourteenth in three-meter. The young team is expected to be a factor in the MAC championships in coming years.

This team was one of the most dedicated athletic teams on campus, according to Werner. Over the six-week winter break, the most challenging portion of the season, the team worked out for an average of 31 hours a week, with only Sundays off. Some team members assumed a schedule of swim, eat, then sleep, twice per day. The team "makes a lot of sacrifices," Werner said, but "they do it for each other."

Above: The members of Woman Swimming Team take a break for a picture at the Aquatic Center during a pre-season practice. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon*

Top: Sophomore Sarah Volpe swims in the team's meet against Ball State and Toledo. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

Bottom Left: Ohio swimmer races against Ball State and Toledo in the 200 meter. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard*

Bottom right: Sophomore Melissa Dunn, freshman Emily O'Connor, freshman Meredith Weller, sophomore Jessica Waites and junior Courtney Kostival take a breather and grab some water. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon.*

Wrestling

meeting the challenge working for a pin

by stacia golem

The Ohio University 2002-2003 Wrestling Team is more than just a group of athletes—they're all friends with a common interest. "Our circle of friends pretty much is the team," said freshman George Patzakis. "Since we hang out all the time, like at practice and on weekends, we've gotten pretty close. We just have fun together."

The 34 members did have ample time to bond; the season started with three weeks of conditioning in the fall, followed with opens, meets and tournaments until the MAC and NCAA Championships in March, not to mention the three hours of weightlifting and practicing they spent together every day of the season.

The Bobcats finished their regular season 9-8. They also took fifth as a team in the Mat Town Tournament and placed second at the Beast of the East Invitational. Some stand-out wrestlers this year were sophomore Ed Willis, who led the team in wins 27-11; junior Eric Jones, who boasted the most pins out of the team with five; and junior Anthony Carrizales, who went into the MAC number one in his weight class (133 pounds) and reached his 60th career win in February.

First-year student Vinny DiGiovanni recalls the most memorable moment of the season: "We were ranked under the top 20, but we were invited to the National Duals at Ohio State, which is for the top 20 teams. It was really awesome that we were invited anyway and recognized for being a good team."

OU went on to take third as a team at the MAC tournament. Jake Percival won his weight class, while teammates Willis and Carrizales placed second in theirs. Percival and Carrizales both wrestled in the national tournament.

Above: Head Coach Joel Greenlee and Assistant Coach Bob Patnesky instruct a wrestler on the mat. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon*

Right: Above: Erick Weimer, a junior, brings Dave Bonnigson, an Eastern Michigan University senior, under his control during the heavyweight match. Weimer defeated his Bonnigson. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon.*

o: Anthony Carrizales, a junior, wrestles Zac Pyles, of Eastern chigan University. Anthony won this match. *Photo by Ki-Eun eon*

A Face of Wrestling:
Jake Percival

Starting his wrestling career at around age seven after his Uncle Al suggested he try it, junior Jake Percival continued to succeed in the sport during junior high, high school and now college. At Marion L. Steele High School in Amherst, Ohio, Percival stood out from the beginning. He placed third in the state as a freshman, and second both his sophomore and junior years. His senior year, he became State Champion, which led him to place third at the High School Nationals.

Percival came to OU to carry on his impressive record. "One of the reasons I picked OU for college was because of the wrestlers and Coach Greenlee," he said. "You wrestle harder for a coach you like and respect, and with guys you get along with and have fun with."

And wrestle hard he did. After red-shirting his freshman year, Percival was named fourth in the nation in his 149 weight class at the NCAA Championship his sophomore year. This year, he has won three individual championships: the Eastern Michigan Open, the Mat Town Tournament and the Beast of the East Invitational. He went into the MAC Championships undefeated, his record 26-0, 4-0 MAC. Commenting on his status, Percival stated, "It feels good to be going into the MAC Championships ranked number one, but I try not to be too overconfident. I just take it one match at a time."

Percival won the MAC championship, and was named MAC wrestler of the year. He went on to take fifth at Nationals and be named to the All-American team.

Cheerleading
always an athlete more than a smile

by jennifer lambert

Cheerleaders are athletes, and the cheerleaders at Ohio University are no exception. To be a cheerleader at OU, you have to do a lot more than just smile and look good. "You have to practice, run, do push ups, wall sits, stairs... many other conditioning exercises and do strength training with a strength coach," Tricia Perry, cheerleading director, said. The cheerleaders are also expected to be very flexible and work with a gymnastics coach for tumbling. Cheerleading is very time consuming, it demands physical excellence, it receives almost no recognition and it is denied any scholarship rewards.

OU cheerleaders are always working. Cheerleading tryouts are held in September for junior varsity positions and in April for varsity positions. Even current cheerleaders must secure their place on the team and tryout each year. "Varsity has JV people waiting to move up and JV has alternates waiting to take their spots," Perry said.

To earn a place on the squad the students must be able to cheer, tumble, do stunts, dance and communicate with each other and the crowd. Cheerleaders are constantly in the spotlight, so they are essentially ambassadors for the university, Perry said. OU cheerleaders also have to put in hours of practice time to get everything just right.

During football season, the cheerleaders practice for several hours between two and four times a week. During basketball season the Convocation Center is a hectic place, so practice is usually limited to two times a week. But when they practice, they practice hard. Perry said to be a cheerleader at OU, "you have to work hard and just love cheering!"

Above: The cheerleaders build a pyramid during a basketb time out to get the crowd going. The OU cheerleaders spe much of their time on the sidelines doing stunts and flips.

Left: The Bobcat gives one of the cheerleaders a big hug while another looks on.

Below: The squad leads the crowd in a cheer to encourage the football players out on the field.

Dance Team

synchronized and smiling a balancing act

by erica lutterbein

They're all over campus: football and basketball games, pep rallies, parades and even community events. And they make it look so easy. But behind their synchronized movements and smiling faces, the OU Dance Team is made up of 15 hard-working women.

The Dance Team performs at every home football and basketball game. In addition, they perform at other community and university events like pep rallies, banquets and the Relay for Life in May.

The three captains, senior Sara Phillips, senior Noelle Wilson and junior Amy Gossett, who were elected by last year's Dance Team, have many responsibilities.

"Because we have no coach, the captains run every practice and choreograph all the routines we use for the year," said Phillips. "We also handle most of the administrative tasks like selecting uniforms and planning fundraisers."

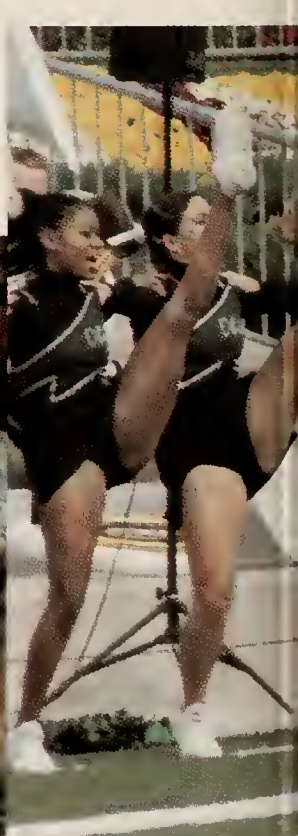
Another responsibility of the captains is organizing and running the annual tryouts, which were held during the second week of fall quarter. First, the captains held four days of clinics. In these clinics, they taught prospective Dance Team members the fight song dance, two other dances and three leaps. With first cuts, the captains narrowed the field to 25. The Dance Team was complete after final cuts, when captains chose 11 members and one alternate. By this time, football season was already underway.

"Football season is our time to prepare the new members for the upcoming year, as well as bond as a team," Phillips said. "Since we do the same 'ditties' at every football game, we use that time to perfect them."

But things got more intense for basketball season. The Dance Team learned a new dance for every home game in addition to performing sideline ditties. To prepare so many new performances, the practice schedule was rigorous. During winter quarter, they practiced from 7 to 10 every weeknight.

Even though the Dance Team had to work hard, Phillips said the work was worth it. "The best part is definitely the people," she said. "We're all good friends, even outside of dance, and we have a lot of fun together. We all work very hard during practice and games, and no one complains or gives less than her best. We all love to dance, and to be able to do what we love with a great group of people is great. We consider ourselves lucky to be a part of a team like ours."

"It's a labor of love," she added.



posite Page: Sheri Ondercik and Kelly Metzger, along with the rest of the dance
m, perform a '70s medley in honor of all the fathers attending the basketball game
Dads' Weekend.

p: Anita Vensel, Amy Gossett, Andrea Johnston and Amy Gabler wow the crowd
h their synchronized leaps during one of their halftime performances.

ttom: Current Dance Team members are joined by an alumna in their kickline on
mecoming weekend. The dancers line up for their kicks each time the Bobcats
ore, and kick once for every point on the Home side of the scoreboard.

A Face of Dance: Anita Vensel

Anita Vensel, a junior and second-year member of the Ohio University Dance Team, is perpetually active. When she is not busy being a dedicated member of the OU Dance Team, which sometimes involves daily, three-hour practices, Vensel is usually in the Interior Architecture studio working on her next project.

"At times it gets really rough," she said. "I have to go right from practice to the studio because I have a project due at 8 a.m. the next day, and I have to stay there all night to finish it in time. Interior Architecture is a very intense major, and it's hard to juggle that with an activity like Dance Team."

Even though she puts in a lot of hours for her schoolwork and for Dance Team, Vensel finds both to be rewarding. Dancing has always been an important part of Vensel's life. She started dancing at age four, and has continued ever since. In high school, Vensel was the captain of a 75-member dance team and took daily lessons at a dance school. She is also completing a minor in dance at OU.

"It's really hard, but it's worth it to me," Vensel said. "I've been dancing all my life, and I just can't imagine not having it as part of my life."

Marching 110

the most exciting band found in the land

by stacia golem

Lined up in perfect formation, masses of green and white uniforms take the field, eage to give it their all to make their school proud. True, this is a scene from a memorable Bobca game, but *this* act is halftime and *these* faces on the field belong to the Marching 110: the most exciting band in the land.

Marching 110 members were among OU's hardest working students. During fall quarter, practice, whether it be on the field, with their sectionals, or on their own, seemed unceasing. Yet, all the work and time they put forth was well worth it. The Marching 110 members continued to give 110 percent effort. This group's effort, led by field commander Nick DeLotell, made the rewards virtually endless. Second-year member Amy Peterman said, "The Marching 110 has changed my life. The memories I've gained and the lessons I've learned will always be a part of me, and I will never forget this experience."

The Marching 110 marked its 35th season in 2002-2003. Besides supporting the football team at all their games, the band had a busy year with its own activities. Steeped in tradition, they continued their major annual events of Homecoming, Varsity Night, and the Ohio Theater Show. Homecoming, held on October 12, provided an opportunity for the Alumni Marching 110 to return to OU and march with their former band mates while having a blast.

Select members of the band went on to showcase their routines of the season for the campus on Varsity Night, November 16, in Templeton Blackburn Memorial Auditorium. The Ohio Theater Show, on November 18, was Varsity Night in Columbus with a much larger crowd. Continuing the tradition of marching at high-profile locations, this year's Marching 110, under the direction of Robert Suk, took a trip to Florida over Thanksgiving. They participated in two parades at Disney World and also made an appearance at an NFL game: the Jacksonville Jaguars against the Pittsburg Steelers.

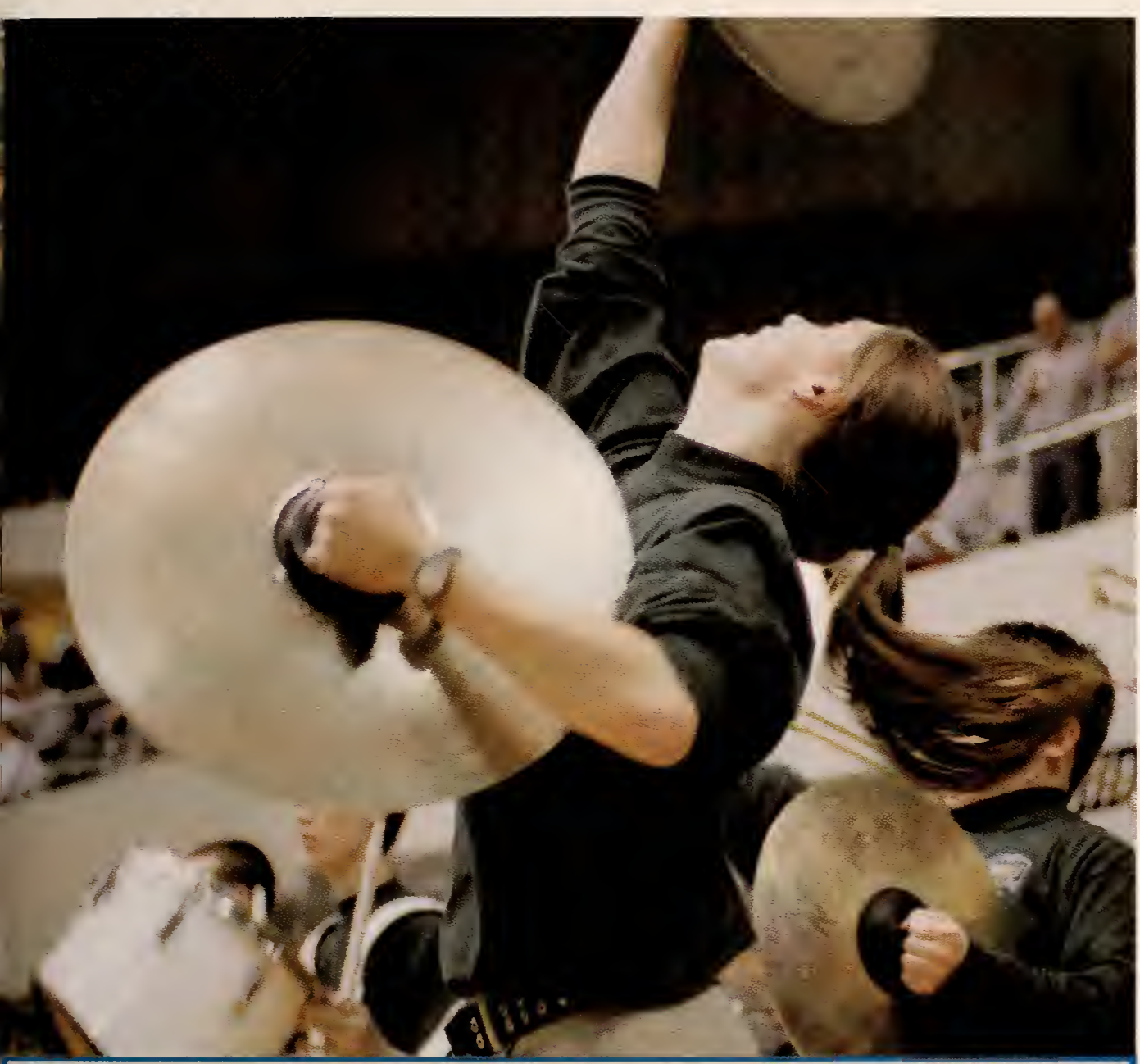
"The Marching 110 is like a family," remarked fourth-year member Brian Bross. "Whenever anyone has a problem, we know we can always turn to one another for help." This closeness came from the intense practices and all the time spent working as a team, and it did not stop with the close of the football season. Some band members went on to play in the Varsity Band during basketball season while others played in the University Band. Everyone wanted to keep their skills sharp as well as continue having fun with their surrogate family. For all involved, the Marching 110 was very special. Not only did it hone members' instrumental skills, but it offered life lessons and close friendships that will stay strong long after its members leave OU.

Top: The Marching 110 performs a crowd-pleasing dance during halftime.
Bottom Left: A member of the band's drill team does a routine as the band plays during Varsity Night at Memorial Auditorium.
Bottom Right: The drumline keeps the beat during during a basketball game at the Convocation Center.

Above: The band's trombones play away as the Sousaphones prepare for their part of the piece at Varsity Night.

Right: Marching 110 members show they're not afraid to get down and dirty during a football game.

Opposite page: Renee Toki, an English Education major, puts a spin on her cymbal during a home basketball game.



A Face of the Marching 110:
Sam Venable

The Marching 110, which performs during halftime at football games, is the result of many hours of effort and practice volunteered by students. Sam Venable discovered the Marching 110 during a college visit. Interested in joining, he went to band camp before school started in September, eventually tried out and was chosen to become a member.

Venable, a first-year student, participated in band for four years at Wilmington High School in Wilmington, Ohio. He plays the bass drum in both the Marching 110 and in the Varsity Band seen at Bobcat basketball games. As a member of the Marching 110, he, along with his peers, practices five to six days a week during the fall to prepare for their halftime performances. For Venable, one of the hardest things about being a member of the Marching 110 is "living up to expectations."

"It is hard to always give 110 percent, but everyone in the band has worked hard, and there is pride in our work," stated Venable.

Behind the lots of work little glory

by michelle shively

When Ohio University athletes step out onto the court or playing field, they have dozens of Ohio University staff members behind them. Spectators, however, only see what goes on once the game begins. They are unaware of the hard work of so many supporting staff members behind the scenes of Ohio University's athletic program.

Obviously, athletic coaches and team staff play a major role in preparing athletes for competition. Team members and staff put in an amazing amount of time in preparation for both sport seasons and individual games.

"I don't think other students understand the time demands placed on athletes," said David Saultz, Academic Services Intern. Saultz works in Ohio University's Academic and Developmental Services, a department devoted to assisting student athletes with their academic studies. The department is responsible for running study tables for all athletic teams. Staff members also meet with at-risk athletes, help schedule classes and evaluate their progress by midterm grade reports.

Other departments that are not directly involved with student athletes, but definitely assist them are ticket operations, marketing and promotions, facilities, and broadcasting and media relations. Bob Lee, publications and web coordinator for the university's athletic program, is responsible for overseeing the production of all publications dealing with the athletic program. He also oversees the athletic Web sites.

"We rely heavily on student volunteers," Lee said. With only two full time workers in the department, "It's just impossible to get all the sports done."

As with every other athletic department, the emphasis is always on the student athletes. "Our department's job is to give them as much positive exposure as we can," he said.

Student athletes are able to represent Ohio University due to hours and hours of their own hard work, but also due to the dedication of Ohio University's athletic department staff members.

Scenes

Opposite Page:
Andy Kershaw, assistant swimming coach, instructs his swimmers as they compete against Denison University. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon*

Left: Women's basketball staff members encourage a player as she takes a seat.

Hockey

earning their place
skating to success

by
kelly michael

In the championship game of the Central States Collegiate Hockey League Tournament (CSCHL) the Ohio Men's Hockey Team fell to the top seeded University of Illinois. The Bobcats dominated all phases of the game; however, they were only able to muster one goal against the Illinois goalie, tournament MVP Tim Danlow. After sixty minutes of hockey, the game was tied, one to one. Six minutes into overtime, the Fighting Illini scored the winning goal when the puck deflected off the skate of Nick Bilanow and past goalie Brian Gallagher to clinch the championship for the Fighting Illini. It was a fluke goal, said Ohio head coach Dan Morris. "We had the puck down at their end the entire overtime and then the only time they got the puck to our end, they scored off a deflection off one of our guys."

The Bobcats earned the right to play in the league championship game by defeating sixth seeded St. Louis and defending-tournament-champion Iowa State in consecutive nights. Forward Brian Roberts scored a hat trick against Iowa State, to propel the Bobcat's to the championship game. Goalies Lowell Franko and Brian Gallagher earned the victories in Friday and Saturday's games, respectively.

Heading into the league tournament, the Ohio Men's Hockey Team compiled a regular season record of 18-10-4, which was almost identical to the record they had at the completion of last season. Ohio's leading scorer forward Zac Hernandez attributed this to hard work. "I don't think we have as many skilled players [as last season] but we have more hardworking players, freshmen through seniors," he said.

As a result of finishing as one of the top twelve club hockey teams in the country the Bobcats qualified for the ACHA National Tournament held at Bird Arena. The Bobcats, the number four seed in the tournament, finished as runner-up.

Photos by Andrea Kjerrumgaard

Top: Junior Matt Shenk takes a shot at the goal during the conference tournaments, which were hosted by OU this year.

Bottom Left: Teammates congratulate each other after a goal has been scored.

Bottom Right: Zach Hernandez shoots for the goal during a home game.

Gymnastics

gaining momentum aiming for the top

by jennifer bishop

Gymnastics is one of the newest club sports offered to OU students. The club was founded two years ago, and its the first year of existence was spent raising money for the team. Team members worked at all the home football games and many basketball games. They also did carwashes and flip-a-thons uptown.

During the season, which took place mostly during the winter quarter, team members practiced daily, conditioning at Ping and doing two hour practices at Global Gymnastics in order to perfect their events. These events included vault, bars, beam and floor routines. Global Gymnastics is located in The Plains, and the team makes the ten minute drive three times a week. For the newly formed team, the building where they practice is one of the its biggest obstacles. Advisor Stephanie Dorgan explained, "It's an inadequate practice facility in terms of space and equipment."

Also because of the size of the facility, the gymnastics team is unable to host their own home meets. "We hope to have our own facility in the future," stated President Katie Sprenger.

Although it is new to the university, the gymnastics team is already off to a successful and promising start. Last year, its first year of competition, the team ended the season undefeated. After qualifying as one of 30 teams to go to Nationals at Ohio State University, the team again proved itself earning sixth place. At the end of the school year, the Gymnastics team was also named Club Sports Team of the Year. In the 2003 season the team had attended meets at Virginia Tech where it placed second out of 12 teams and at Miami where they placed third of 13 teams.

Despite its success, the team does face some challenges. Gymnastics is a team sport, but it is also an individual sport where single athletes can win even when the team does not. Sprenger said, "Trying to get everyone to work together as a team is sometimes difficult." To help with this problem, the team does team-building exercises throughout the season.

However, the team also has many strengths. "[The team members] have a love and commitment to the sport and the commitment and desire of the team's leadership," Dorgan said.

Being named the 2002 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's National Champions gave Ohio University's Equestrian Team a reason to be proud, as well as a tradition to uphold. They were the first team at OU to win that title, which makes them the most successful club sport at the university.

The 41 member coed team is made up of driven students who love riding. "There's just something about being around a horse," remarked President Jessica West. "It's also very good mentally, for it takes you away from all the stress in your life because you just focus on riding."

Although experience is recommended, it is not necessary. Members are required to take at least eight lessons a quarter and to practice once a week at Stonegate Farm in Coolville in order to prepare for meets. Fundraising is also a requirement for members to help raise money for lessons and competitions. Their biggest event was "rent-a-rider," hosted once in the fall and again in the spring. Club members auctioned their cooking and cleaning services off to the highest bidder in order to raise enough money to meet their needs.

The equestrian team had 16 regular meets from October through February, and then had a chance to go on to Regionals, Zones, and Nationals, all held spring quarter. The OU Equestrians did very well because of their horse-riding abilities and drive to compete. "People who say riding is not a sport are wrong. We actually are in very good shape," said West. "Making a 1,200-pound animal do something it doesn't want to do requires a lot of strength."

Above: Ohio juniors Julie McCostlinSarah Nichols and hunt seat coach Suni Dils prepare Cienna for another jump class at the equestrian team's arena in Coolville.

Left: Lani Blackford, a junior majoring in environmental health, prepares to take another jump while riding Basie.

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leaping over the competition

reaching for the prize

Equestrians

Club Sports

encouraging health
developing leadership

by kelly michael

Established in the spring of 1994, the Ohio University Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team lasted only two weeks under the name "The Venus Flycats." Many members of the team quit after two weeks once they went to Sectionals and lost to Oberlin College. However, after the Sectional Tournament loss to Oberlin, a few core members were still interested in the sport and joined the Men's Ultimate Team. The following year there was still not enough interest to field a women's team. However, in the fall of 1995, Micki Marusic formed a new ultimate team for women under the name, "Running with Scissors." The next year Amy Krehbiel took over as captain of the team and began recruiting many new members to join the club. Ever since Krehbiel took charge of the team in 1996, the club, although it has changed names numerous times, has remained strong.

In addition to ultimate frisbee, there are many other club sports available for women to actively participate in, including tennis, gymnastics, volleyball, softball, rugby and crew. There is a small participation fee for each sport, which covers the cost of travel, uniforms, court rental, and other expenses. Tryouts for club sports usually begin at the beginning of the year for sports like softball and volleyball or at the start of each quarter for sports like tennis. Some club sports allow new members to join freely throughout the academic year.

The Ohio University Women's Club Sports program is dedicated to the mission of providing and developing leadership opportunities for female students who are interested in a sport or activity. Club sports are committed to improving the quality of life for students, faculty, staff, as well as encouraging healthy lifestyle choices. Each club is student run and establishes an organizational framework, leadership and schedule to meet the needs of its members.

Opposite Page: Katie Keehneo, a sophomore, returns the volley during a tennis club practice. *Photo by Katie Labbe*

Left: Students warm up for a work out with the martial arts club.

Below: Women's Water Polo Goalie, Lindsey James jumps for the block. *Photo by: Katie Labbe*

Club Sports

men work together as teammates and friends

by jessica moss

They are athletic, competitive and always eager for a physical challenge. They possess th qualities found not only in leaders but also in life-long friends. They are the men of club sports

Ohio University offers 18 club sports for men. Marcus Wunderle, president of the Men' Crew team, has been involved with the team since his second year at OU. Wunderle said, "M favorite aspect of crew is the teamwork involved. The team is like a family. We spend so muc time together during the racing season that we have become very close." Although the crew team is very young, Wunderle expects a terrific season next year. "We have very few retunin rowers so the experience of racing is lacking, but they have a great work ethic and will be a grea team next year."

Fourth-year mechanical engineering major Michael Halsmer, was president of OU' Ultimate Frisbee team. The team prepared for its competitive spring quarter competitions i which they went head to head against teams such as Ohio State, Michigan and Michigan State Halsmer described his team's attitude, stating, "As a team we continually beat teams that ar faster and more athletic than us because we work harder, and everyone on the team knows that if they get into trouble on or off the field, the rest of the guys will step up and help. Everyone on the team is willing to work hard and learn from his or her mistakes. We never quit." Ultimate has a strong alumni base that encourages and supports the player's improvement. "The most memorable experience this year was after our game with the OU alumni team at Halloween. They commented on how much the team and I improved since they played with us. Since these guys took me under their wing and taught me the game when I was a clueless freshman it meant a lot to me."

Club sports are a great way for students to use their high school athletic experience in a new way. Matt Kittle, a junior marketing and MIS major on OU's water polo team is a great example. "I swam in high school, and didn't want to swim in college, so I decided to do some other sport. I decided that water polo was something I could do well because of my speed in swimming, and started to play."

Carl Fechko compared the men's rugby team to brotherhood. "You see everybody daily. No matter how your game goes, you are still buddies after. The players are more than just your teammates; they are your best friends."

Left: Junior Corey Joens, holds up a T-shirt, while Peter Snyder draws the name of winner of the shirt. The drawing was a part of the Ohio Men's Crew 6th Annual Run/ - Walk Fall Classic. *Photo by Ki-Eun Kweon.*

Below: A member of the boxing club practices his jabs with a punching bag.

Left: Sophomore, Adam Joly, prepares to serve another round. *Photo by Katie Labbe*

Intramurals

fun and games
competing for kicks

by erica lutterbein

From pingpong to bowling to basketball, Ohio University's intramural sports program offers a wide variety of sports to students seeking activity. Students in search of a way to keep in shape, meet new friends, be part of a team or just have fun can stop by the Campus Recreation offices in Ping Center to sign up for intramural sports. Students can compete in teams for sports such as flag football, broomball, basketball and volleyball, or they can compete individually in tennis, horseshoes, bowling or badminton.

First-year student John Nank and his friends played men's intramural basketball during winter quarter on the team, "The Ghetto Boyz."

"Intramural sports gives students a chance to play a more organized game than they have going at the courts," Nank said. He also noticed that even intramural sports have fans. "I noticed that some teams had a following," he said. "At the last game we had a bit of a crowd going."

Jared Black, a fourth-year student, has been playing intramural sports since he came to OU. He played flag football his first two years, softball his third year, and basketball every year. Black played basketball in high school and wanted to continue pursuing the sport.

"It was a release from school," he said, "and a way to compete against people like in high school sports."

Other students, like third-year student Bethany Miller, played mostly for fun. Miller played intramural co-ed softball with a group of her friends. She said it was a positive activity they could do while working as a team, exercising and spending time outdoors.

"We won the first two games, but after that we played teams that were pretty serious about it, so it went downhill from there," she said. "We lost really badly."

Even though Miller played mostly for fun, she did enjoy the competitiveness.

"It was great because no one on our team was really serious about it, so you could be competitive but have fun at the same time," she said.

Whether a student is a serious athlete or just someone who wants to get out of the dorm room to play some pingpong, he or she likely can find something of interest through intramural sports.

Above: A member of one of the women's broomball teams shoots for the goal.

Left: Alison Davis, Erin Miller, Annie Ervin and Amy Bernaph cheer on the men's bowling team that called themselves the "15-Pound Balls."

Photos By Katie Labbe

Above: Warren Wilson keeps the score of his intramural bowling team and watches the next bowler take his turn while the other team does th same. *Photo by: Katie Labbe*

Left: Disappointment is apparent on the faces of this team when the referee call the other team's touchdown good.

Below: Broomball, played on the ice while the players wear sneakers, is one of the most popular intramural sports at OU. Games take place at Byrd Arena late at night.

Outdoor Pursuits

seeking adventure taking a challenge

by stacia golem

As the saying goes, some of the best things in life are hidden. For students who enjoy the outdoors and seek adventure, Ohio University has the perfect well-kept secret: Outdoor Pursuits.

A division of Campus Recreation, Outdoor Pursuits holds regular backpacking, rappelling and skiing trips throughout the year to various locations in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. The trips are open to OU students, staff and community members. Experience is not necessary before joining; leaders host rappelling and backpacking clinics to teach the basic skills needed.

One of the more popular trips is New Adventures, a canoeing and hiking trip in Boundary Waters, Minnesota. This is an orientation for incoming freshmen before school starts in the fall and is an opportunity for them to meet people right off the bat while earning college credit. Outdoor Pursuits sponsored exciting trips during spring break as well. Students could choose to travel to the Bahamas to scuba dive, or to take a backpacking trip in Cohutta Wilderness, Georgia.

Outdoor Pursuits also has on-campus activities available to interested students. There is a challenge course, or Ropes Course, which promotes group cooperation as well as self-confidence. In addition, there is a 36-foot rock climbing wall at Ping Recreation Center that students can use to practice their skills. In March, the group hosted the Fourth Annual Rock Stars Climbing Competition at the wall. It was an all-day competition with prizes for the winners.

With the various trips and activities to take part in, it is hard not to benefit from an experience with Outdoor Pursuits. "Especially with my Outdoor Education/Recreation major, I have gained so much during my four years with the program," commented senior Jamie Jasinski, former participant and current Climbing Wall Manager, Challenge Course Facilitator and Trip Leader. "Things I learn in class, I can apply in my activities here, but I am learning more actually doing than just sitting."

Left: Jackie kelly and Jamie Jasinski look at a map to plan out a hiking route.

Photos courtesy of Jamie Jasinski

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Top Left: Chuck Kalinsky goes through his pack while enjoying the beauty that surrounds him.

Top Right: Several hikers wade through a stream on a summer backpacking trip.

Bottom: Levi Rose sets up his tenet and unpack his supplies.

My job is being an ear for someone to talk to, a source for advice and answering tons of questions.

- Cory Cronin,
on being an RA

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res life staff: a helping hand

On September 7, as thousands of Ohio University students prepared to move into OU's residence halls, 209 resident assistants were waiting to greet them. Already, these individuals had put in a hefty amount of time getting ready to welcome their residents.

After an eight-week class focused on issues like racism, sexism and classism, resident assistants were ready to face anything. RAs also arrived on campus early to attend workshops to sharpen their skills. However, Chris Wolf, a third-year resident assistant, said that the most important training comes later, when RAs actually interact with residents.

Resident assistants share common values that they try to show residents. RA Colleen Ervin said that these values include promoting a sense of community, resolving conflicts, promoting tolerance and creating a safe learning and living environment.

"Being an RA is just a part of your personality," Ervin said.

Each resident assistant has a different style of leadership, depending on his or her personality and the situation. Cory Cronin, an RA for first-year students, said, "My job is being an ear for someone to talk to, a source for advice and answering tons of questions."

Along with resident assistants, OU employs 20 security aides. Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, SAs patrol each of the three residential greens, ensuring that OU's rules and regulations are being upheld. Security aides' priority is to promote the safety of all students. SAs have the same authority as resident assistants, but are also in contact with the OU Police Department.

Each RA and SA chose his or her position for personal reasons. Most, however, expressed a desire to help other Ohio University students. Adam Gibson wanted to be an RA "for the experience of helping out residents and being a resource for them."

Senior Security Aide Brian Koster wanted to become an SA his freshman year. "I thought it would be really cool to walk around with a radio and help others at the same time," he said. "Of course, there's a lot more to it."

Ervin also wanted to help people when she became an RA. "Being an RA looks good on resume, and a big room doesn't hurt either!" she added.

The best part of being a resident assistant for many, including Ervin, is the positive interaction with residents. "That's the fun stuff," she said. Sometimes, though, it takes a while for residents to see their RAs as friends.

"I almost take on a different identity because I'm a RA," said Cronin. "Residents make assumptions about my life." He added, "I'm not just an RA – I'm also a person."

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eft: Bromley Hall RA Lea Cook decorates a bulletin board on her floor's hallway. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard.*

Above: Two students sponge-paint during a residence hall activity.

by jennifer bishop and katie brandt

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life on the greens

Every day as people walk to classes and across campus they pass the thousands of faces that make up the green where they live. Moving into their rooms at the beginning of the year, students join a new community and make a new life for themselves away from their hometowns. Each green on campus is unique and has a variety of different people and activities to enjoy.

West Green is made up of eight residence halls, Boyd Dining Hall, the Boyd Grab'n Go, Boyd Market, and the residents. Separated from the rest of the campus by Richland Avenue, students are not secluded because of the division, but actually benefit because of the location. Although it's quite a distance to travel across to the other side of campus, the green is conveniently located within a short distance from the Ping Recreational Center, the Aquatic Center, and Byrd Arena. Even more importantly it takes only a few minutes to make the walk into town. "It's like our own mini resort," joked first-year student Sarah Kuk.

While it might be apart from the other greens, its location is convenient for destinations almost anywhere on campus. Without navigating too many hills, people can get almost anywhere they need to go in a short amount of time.

Also, residents explained that they prefer West Green to the others that they have seen because it is mostly a residential area. With a few exceptions, the majority of the buildings are residence halls, so there is not as much traffic with people coming to classes. Atmosphere is another reason why students love the green. First-year student Abby Morgan stated simply, "It's a pretty place."

By far, it seems to be the people that are the biggest asset to the green. Mike Clevidence, a second-year student and RA in Sargent Hall, explained, "people can be crazy, but there is a more mature feeling on the green than in the other places I have been and lived."

Several residents described how helpful and friendly the residence hall staff was on move-in day and have been since that time. Throughout the year there have also been many activities planned just for the students, such as movie nights, trick-or-treaters visiting the halls, and special dinners. During the first quarter there was a cookout at the Convocation Center that allowed students to get to know more people, and later on there were several holiday dinners. Trick-or Treating was also a hit with residents. Local kids were brought to the halls and went around on each floor. "We have a lot of fun with the activities, and the people who don't come are missing out on a lot," remarked Clevidence.

One resident living in the Convo summed up the feelings of many of the residents on West Green; "it's a good place to live because it's active and fun."

At the bottom of Morton and Jefferson Hills sit the many timeless buildings that compose OU's East Green and just beyond those, the residence halls of South Green. Together, these Greens contain a total of 33 residence halls. Fourteen belong to East and 19 to South.

Any student living in one of the halls that make up East Green – the oldest green used for dormitories – wakes each morning to the brick pathways and clock towers that decorate the Green just outside their windows. On the way to classes, they also pass one or both of its two dining halls: Shively and Jefferson.

"It's a really convenient place to live," third-year resident assistant of East Green's Washington Hall Laurel Franz said.

First-year student and Bush Hall resident, Beth Comer, travels to Jefferson often for dinner and waits in line to choose her own vegetables and meat that the dining hall's employees will proceed to stir fry for her. "I prefer the Wok Bar because it's more like real food," she stated, adding that as far as she knows, no other dining hall on campus offers this sort of meal option in addition to the standard meals.

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bove: Everyone backs away as a resident flings paint across the table. RAs set up activities such as this to allow students to get to ow each other better.

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South Green's Nelson Dining Hall also offers something unique and exclusively South. Students travel from all over campus to Nelson for its Grab and Go's chicken strips, pizzas and cookies. First-year student and East Green resident Dave Royer makes the trek to Nelson for a lunch of chicken strips on a daily basis. "I don't like the food at the other Grab and Go" he said, referring to East Green's Shively which has a line stretching out the door around lunchtime everyday. "I like fast food," he continued.

In addition to the Nelson Grab and Go, South Green features another appealing aspect of OU that remains exclusively South: the mods. A mod is a living room with two or three hallways branching off of it. Six people live down each hallway, and all the halls share the living room.

First-year student and South Green resident Adam Abramowicz lives in a mod. "It's not bad," he said. "You get to live on your own, so you're not stuck with somebody you don't like." He went on to explain what he likes specifically about the mods. "You do meet people though, and you decide who you want to room with your sophomore year."

Not all South Green residents live in mods though. RA Margaret Eberhard lived in a typical residence hall, Crawford, her freshman year. Eberhard appreciates the seclusion that South Green offers. "I like how it's off by itself," she said, also mentioning the river that flows around the Green and the scenic courtyards within.

Each quarter, the Residence Life staff of East Green organizes green-wide events that all students may participate in, regardless of which green they call home. In the fall, the triangle between Bush, Washington, and Jefferson Halls harbored the OctoberfEAST. Festive lights dangled from tree to tree and music reverberated throughout the green as Residence Life members staffed various stations of food and games.

During fall quarter, Tiffin and Gamertsfelder Halls scheduled a picnic between the two buildings complete with hamburgers and hot dogs.

First-year student Andrew Wargo lives in Tiffin Hall and attended the event. "I think they were going to have entertainment of some kind, but it rained so it didn't go as planned." He went on to say that he would have enjoyed himself more "if not for the rain."

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bove: Students walk across a snow-covered South Green on their way back from their days' activities. South Green has many unique quali-es, including the catwalks that connect the residence halls and Nelson Dining Hall.

pposite Page: Sophomores Melissa Powers and Tim Kelso enjoy the benefit of having a swimming pool in their dorm as they play in romley Hall's pool. *Photo by Andrea Kjerrumgaard.*

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Once everyone returned from Winter Break, Jefferson Hall hosted Star Search. For this event, stu dents showcased their talents; some worked as groups while others performed solo. Shortly after that, i early February, East Green residents with G.P.A.'s above 3.0 gathered in the lobby of Washington Hall for ceremony in recognition of the grades they had earned.

East Green's annual Mama Paluau took place during spring quarter. Residence Life arranged this ou door happening in honor of Mom's Weekend.

In contrast to the numerous events held on East Green, South Green's major event took place in th fall. Over a span of three nights, interested students put together teams and competed against one anoth er in the South Green Games. Each night featured a different attraction, such as banner making and scav enger hunts as well as football and volleyball games. The winning groups received t-shirts in honor of the achievements.

Abramowicz enjoyed his time spent involved in the games. "Not a lot of people participated," he said "but I'm up for anything."

Also in the fall, willing residents of both Greens participated in a trick-or-treating event. On Hallowee evening, local children passed through the hallways of residence halls all over campus. Led by OU student the kids went from door to door dressed as ghosts, princesses, and other classic figures. Many dorm res dents decorated their rooms with black and orange streamers and pumpkins and played festive music for the trick-or-treaters.

First-year student and East Green resident Quinn Bowman watched as the children walked through his hall collecting candy. "It was kind of weird actually," he said with a laugh. "Because of all the debauchery that usually goes on in the hall, I felt guilty seeing children here."

Both East and South Greens offer a wide variety of events for their residents, providing some needed stress relief and bonding time among members of the greens.

Right: A student studies in a residence hall study room.

Left: An East Green resident makes use of one of the green's dining facilities. Although Shively Corner does not take the regular meal lan, it does accept Bobcat cash.

Shively Corner
Walk-Up WINDOW

Everyone helps each other out. Most chapters offer tutoring to their members, and some chapters give out scholarships.

- Chad Lanman, on academic success by Greeks

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Greek life on the Ohio University campus continued its academic, philanthropic and social success this year. The ten sororities, along with the eighteen fraternities on campus, strengthened their ties with the University and the surrounding community through a variety of activities.

In addition to a new school year, fall quarter brought Greek life a new advisor. Michael Sprinkle, known to students as just "Sprinkle," came to Ohio University as the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. Sprinkle is responsible for the advising and development of the Greek community at OU. He filled a position that had been vacant since spring 2001.

"He's a good worker," said Director of Student Activities Anne Lombard. "He's full of ideas and enthusiastic, and he's a good fit for us."

Sprinkle says that he and Ohio University are a great fit. "I interviewed a few places, but the job and students here were the best fit for my personality," said Sprinkle. "I liked the staff, and I loved the students."

According to Sprinkle, OU's campus is a place where there is room for growth, but the Greek organizations "can build on top of what's been laid."

One of his main goals is to see an expansion in the philanthropic efforts fraternities and sororities put forth.

"Greek students raise a lot of money with philanthropy projects, and that's great, but I'd like to see students reaping the personal benefits of community service," said Sprinkle.

In addition to growth of philanthropy projects, Sprinkle hopes to see Greek life become more accessible to the general student body. He wants to make the Greek Web sites more user-friendly, as well as to continue to build valuable relationships with students and staff.

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Recruitment 2002

Sprinkle was not the only new addition to Greek life this year. Fall quarter brought many new faces to fraternities and sororities on campus through fall recruitment.

Fraternities highlighted their recruitment efforts by hosting a week-long recruitment period in which prospective members were able to meet members from each fraternity. A two-day formal recruitment was followed by two days of informal sessions in which prospective members were able to see the fraternities operate in a more relaxed setting.

For sororities, recruitment followed a more formal approach. Initially, potential members went through the process of touring all of the houses and meeting the women of each chapter, said Sarah Schwabauer, vice president for recruitment for the Women's Panhellenic Association.

Later on in the recruitment process, each chapter performed skits for the prospective members.

"The skits were related to Greek life and sisterhood," said Schwabauer.

Sorority recruitment continued with potential members visiting their top three choices and then receiving formal invitations to join the chapters.

Upon the receipt of the invitation from a sorority, all of the new members gathered on the corner of Union and College streets for the annual "Running of the Bulls."

Spectators lined up around all of the Greek houses for the exciting and memorable event.

The recruitment period allows fraternities and sororities to get to know the prospective members, and find who would best fit in the organization, and it allows potential members to find which organization is the best fit for them.

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Homecoming 2002

As many Ohio University alumni prepared for their travels back to Athens for Homecoming festivities, fraternities and sororities geared up for Homecoming 2002 by competing in an annual competition. The competition was made up of philanthropic, talent-based, athletic and creative activities that put teams of fraternities and sororities against each other.

Homecoming events for the greek community included flag football, a clothing drive and a service auction, said Jenn Williamson, Women's Panhellenic Association vice president for programming.

At the service auction, attendees were able to bid for select Greek members to perform a service. The money raised from the auction went to Athens County Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

In addition to competition-based programming, the Interfraternity Council and Women's Panhellenic Association brought in speaker David Coleman, better known as the "dating doctor." Fraternity and sorority members were charged an admission fee of one canned food item for the event.

The Thursday night of Homecoming week featured the annual "Yell Like Hell" pep rally on the steps of Baker Center. Greek members gathered on Union Street in the misty rain to show their support for the Bobcat football team as well as Ohio University.

The week would not be capped off without the ever-so-famous float competition and Omega Mouth competition.

The float competition was included as part of the Homecoming Parade that ran through Athens and Ohio University streets. This year, the team of Alpha Epsilon Pi, Delta Gamma and Phi Kappa Theta won the "Best Greek Float" award given by the University Program Council. The team's float included a train with smoke coming out of the chimney, a real masterpiece in the art of float building.

To end the week of competition, Omega Mouth entertained the whole Greek community. The Omega Mouth competition featured the teams of fraternities and sororities performing choreographed dances to randomly chosen music. The event raised $1,551 for Athens County Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

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The events sponsor, Order of Omega, is an honor society for members of the Greek community.

Amy Poitinger, president of Order of Omega, said she saw the evening as a rewarding end to three weeks of hard work and planning.

"I'm just happy we raised so much money for Big Brother/Big Sister," said Poitinger.

Erin Hari, Order of Omega public relations chairwoman, said the group raised money through donations by fraternity and sorority members who attended the event.

"Everyone was required to pay a dollar to get in. That money counted towards the teams' points in the Homecoming competition, and it also goes to Big Brother/Big Sister," she said.

The winners, the team of Sigma Chi, Alpha Delta Pi and Acacia, performed a well-choreographed rendition of "Crazy Little Thing Called Love."

The performance involved males in poodle skirts, a female with Elvis-inspired sideburns and a wealth of wildly choreographed dancing and lip-synching.

The winners of the Omega Mouth competition also wound up winning the entire Homecoming Week competition by a very narrow margin.

Homecoming 2002, better known as "Coming Home," was a fun-filled week of exciting and beneficial activities for all involved.

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Good times come to an end... for now

While many Ohio University students had already departed for winter break, and many more were hours away from leaving, a fire broke out at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house at 23 S. Congress St. According to Athens Fire Department, the house caught fire at about 6:30 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2002.

One student suffered a dislocated arm from jumping from a second-story window. The other 28 students evacuated the house safely.

The fire originated in the formal room, said AFD Chief Bob Troxel. The front portion had substantial fire damage and the remaining portion of the structure had smoke damage.

Beta Theta Pi senior Steven Cespedes said he suspected the fire stemmed from a lamp that was placed too close to the curtains.

Damage is estimated at $250,000 in structural damage, and $100,000 in contents, Troxel said.

Aid was provided to the students by the university and local merchants. Residents of the house were given temporary housing. Reconstruction was scheduled to be ready by Fall 2003.

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It's good to be Greek, in more ways than one

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When people think of Greek life, they most likely think of parties, formals, brotherhood and sisterhood. However, at Ohio University, Greeks can be associated with something else: good grades.

According to reports gathered by the Office of Student Activities, the average GPA for Greek life members was 3.038 in 2002, higher than the University average of 2.992.

The fraternity with the highest GPA was Delta Lambda Phi, while Sigma Kappa is credited with having the highest among sororities.

"We stress time management," said Sigma Kappa President Andrea Wilson. "A lot of people in the house have the same major also, which is conducive to studying."

Chad Lanman, vice president of Scholastics for OU's Interfraternity Council, said in general you have to maintain a 2.5 GPA to be involved in Greek life, but it varies between chapters.

"Everyone helps each other out," he said. "Most chapters offer tutoring to their members and some chapters give out scholarships."

Lanman also verified that the statistics were compiled from social fraternities and sororities, and did not include chapters such as the engineering or business fraternities.

He also said there is an academic awards banquet each spring for the fraternity and sorority chapters.

Compared with some other schools in the MAC, OU fares well against Bowling Green State University. According to the BGSU Spring 2002 Greek Executive Summary, the average greek GPA is 2.85, falling just below the BGSU student average of 2.9.

Many people agree that there has never been a better time to be Greek at Ohio University. The philanthropic, social and academic activities help develop members as they prepare for life after Ohio University. The events fraternities and sororities sponsor and the friendships made will always be remembered in the minds of their members.

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It's a cool way to work with the public and learn skills for the future at the same time.

- Heather Clark,
on the Arnold Air Society

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singing men of ohio

united in song

by erica lutterbein

Singing Men of Ohio, an 80-member, all-men's choir organization continued its tradition of excellence at Ohio University. In addition to performing three concerts, SMO went on tour over spring break, raised most of the money to support the organization, and continued to supply singers to Section 8, a 12-member a capella group associated with SMO.

The Singing Men of Ohio performed a concert in conjunction with the women's choir group at the end of Fall Quarter, a concert in March on their own, and another concert during Moms' Weekend in May. Justin Stuempfle, a fifth-year student who has been a member of SMO since 2001, said the March concert went particularly well.

"The major piece we performed was 'Quest Unending' by Joseph Martin," he said. "The piece was specially commissioned for the Singing Men of Ohio in memory of Ira Zook."

Dr. Ira Zook, who passed away in November 2000, was the founder of Singing Men of Ohio and directed it until his death. According to Stuempfle, Joseph Martin, the composer of "Quest Unending" had been a friend of Zook's. SMO's accompanist, Harolyn Bryant, contacted Martin and asked him to put the poem "The Quest Unending" to music for the commemorative piece.

Over spring break, the Singing Men traveled around Ohio to recruit new talent for the group. Stuempfle said that SMO will travel to Puerto Rico next year, and that in the past the group has traveled to Florida, and as far away as China.

SMO was also busy fundraising. Although the School of Music helps the group financially by not making them pay to hold performances in its facilities, the rest of the fundraising is up to the members themselves. Stuempfle said one of the most enjoyable fundraisers is an auction.

"We sell the guys off to do chores, clean house, or go out on a date with the highest bidder," he said.

The rest of the group's funds come from selling advertising space in the concert programs and the annual T-shirt and CD sales.

Another important aspect of Singing Men of Ohio is Section 8. This 12-member a capella group was founded in 1995 by a graduate student, Raymond Feener, who is now the SMO and Section 8's director. Section 8 began as a smaller group "to perform gigs, because it's hard to get all 80 members out to do smaller performances," said Stuempfle. Although all 12 members of Section 8 are also members of SMO, Section 8 has a distinct style. Stuempfle said members for Section 8 are not only chosen on the basis of singing ability, but also on stage presence, personality and dedication to SMO.

On April 12, Section 8 hosted its first ever collegiate a capella competition, the Ohio University a Capella Invitational. Groups from all over the country traveled to Athens to compete.Stuempfle said there are even some women on campus who "wish they were guys so they could join the Singing Men of Ohio." Stuempfle and the rest of the Singing Men refer to these women, mostly music majors, and friends or girlfriends of the members, as the "SMO Mammas."

"The best thing about Singing Men of Ohio is the community, the brotherhood, the camaraderie we have," said Stuempfle. "We have that common ground, that bond through the music. But at the same time we have parties, go out, go to concerts, play video games, and play intramural sports. It's just the best things about a fraternity without all the negative connotations."

Top Left: President and Vice President of the Singing Men of Ohio take money from their fundraiser at Nelson Commons. *Photo by Katie Labbe*

Top Right: Gathered together are the members of Section 8, Singing Men of Ohio's a capella group. *Photo courtesy of Justin Stuempfle.*

Bottom: Raymond Feener directs the Singing Men of Ohio in song. *Photo by Katie Labbe*

all campus radio network

the rock lobster

by kelly michael

The All Campus Radio Network (ACRN) is a student-run online radio station designed to provide OU students with "real life" job training while working for a radio station. ACRN's mission is to provide training in an environment that promotes intellectual, professional and spiritual growth. The Music Department of ACRN decides what is broadcasted throughout campus. Music director Dan Hung said, "If it's good.... we play it."

ACRN, established 32 years ago, is the only fully student-run radio station on campus and is modeled after commercial radio stations in an attempt to make the experience as genuine as possible. A Rock Lobster named Snat is the station's mascot.

First-year student and ACRN member Ian Hoxworth stated, "Being a member of the group is great because it's really fun working late night with all my friends while getting job experience for my career as a disk jockey."

ACRN can be accessed online through the Web site www.ACRN.com.

Right: ACRN executives Kim and Stephanie Trick, with help from Nick Feltch, begin decorating the ballroom for the Two Dollar Prom. *Photo by Robin Pfingst*

Left: Megan Toth, mobile director, changes CDs while DJing at the ACRN's Two Dollar Prom. *Photo by Robin Pfingst*

Below: DJ Joe Hennes demonstrates a face for radio while Assistant General Manager Allee Thompson looks on.

ou advertising association

planning ahead

by Jennifer Lambert

Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Scripps 111, the Ohio University Advertising Association meets to discuss their ad campaign competition, think of community service projects, talk about their future trips, plan social events and listen to special weekly guest speakers.

Each year the OUAA competes in the National Student Advertising Competition and this year the client for the competition was the Toyota Matrix. The association also plans two yearly trips. The first is a trip in the fall to New York City for an advertising conference sponsored by the Advertising Women of New York. The second trip is in the spring, when members travel to Chicago for the Chicago Advertising Federation's College Career Day.

The OU Advertising Association is a student chapter of the American Advertising Federation, and it is strongly affiliated with the Columbus Advertising Federation. The president of the association this school year is Jenny Greufe.

Right: Professor Jane Sojka meets with OUAA programmer Roshni Marfatia after speaking at a meeting.

Below: Many students turn out for the first meeting of the year.

Top: Kristen Sekella and Mandy Adamkosky wake up after napping on the way to New York City.

Middle Left: Melissa Hough practices her advertising skills by chalking an "ad" onto a campus sidewalk.

Middle Right: BradTracy, Marc Lowe, Jenny Greufe, Rob Bown, Evan Brignolo, Megan Averell, Erin Kerkhoff, Nick Sweeney and Laura Jackson get ready to represent the OUAA in flag football intramural competition.

Bottom: Laura Jackson, Jenny Greufe, Nadia Hile, Erin Kerkoff and Dawn Hayes enjoy the executive board retreat in Septemeber.

athena yearbook

capturing moments

by stacia golem

The mission of the Athena Yearbook is "to produce a quality publication documenting the year at OU." This year, members lived up to this proclamation, in spite of staff changes, and created the 2002-2003 Athena Yearbook, "Faces."

"Losing key staff members late in the year made producing the book a challenge, but the rest of us were able to pull together and rise to the task," commented editor-in-chief Molly Tinker.

This club requires dedication, but it also provides rewards to the student volunteers who join. Although open to any ambitious student, the yearbook staff is composed of mostly journalism and visual communication majors seeking out-of-classroom experience. Freshman Heather Ryerson said she joined the Athena as part of the design staff because "it is good experience for my major, Visual Communications. Layouts and designs are what VisCom people prepare."

The Athena has executive staff that guides copy writers, photographers and designers with their assignments. Stories are written by the copy staff, who research their topics and conduct interviews.Photographers take pictures to complement the stories as well as write the captions to go along with them.

The design staff then puts it all together creating layouts that fit the sections and working with the photographers to select the right pictures to fit each page. The final product is the personalized, professional depiction of a single year: *The Athena Yearbook*.

Top: Copy editors Erica Lutterbein and Nick Feltch go over some copy turned in by a writer before a meeting starts.

Bottom Left: Photographer Alicia Whissel listens as the photo edtor goes over the assignments for the week.

Bottom Right: Executive staff members Maria Waltner, Erica Lutterbein, Nick Feltch, Andrea Kjerrumgaard and Molly Tinker discuss the progress of the yearbook.

Photos by Ki-Eun Kweon.

jitterbug club

jivin' away

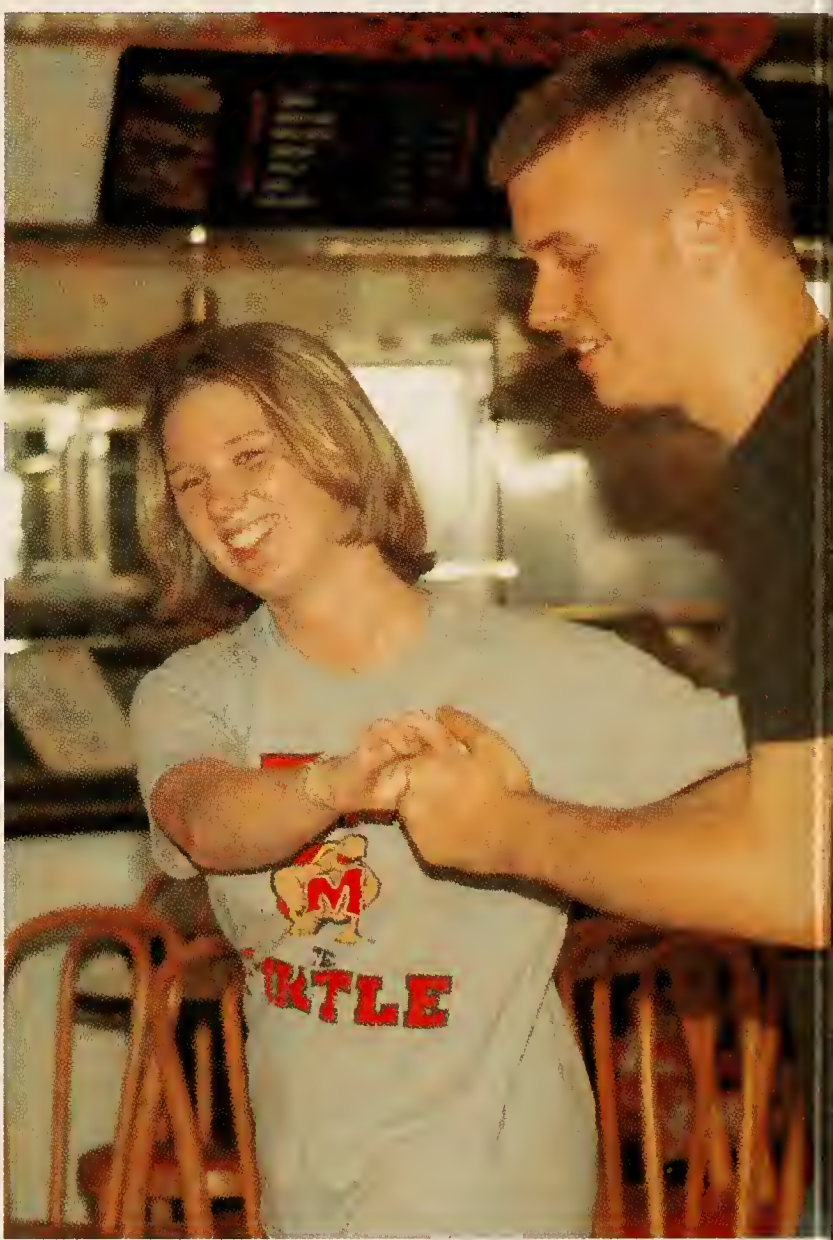
by nick feltch

Circle Slides Helicopters Arm Tangles. Ohio University s Jitterbug Club employed these and other moves to demonstrate their dancing talents this past year. Meeting at the Union every Tuesday evening and The Corner Room in Baker Center every Thursday, the group, in its sixth year, continued to provide an excellent way for students to relieve stress and have fun while learning a wide variety of dances.

The Jitterbug Club is a good place to meet friends and hang out, club President Brian Morris said. During the meetings, members pair off to learn a variety of dances including the Jitterbug, the Lindyhop, the Balboa, the Meringue and ballroom dancing. This interaction allows special bonds to form between members. Also, the Jitterbug Club extends connections outside the OU community, as it interacts with swing clubs from around the state.

Jitterbug club members enjoy the fun, motivational and educational benefits, Morris stressed. It is difficult not to have a good time in such a positive atmosphere. Members also gain from being able to release tension caused by stressful exams and hectic schedules and appreciate the drug-free nature of the group. It s a good alternative to drinking, Treasurer Kasey Lauderman stated concerning the club s drug-free environment. Without the pressure and threat of drugs, participants are free to have safe and enjoyable experiences, she continued.

The club sponsored many events throughout the year. In fall quarter, it invited Jenny Luvv and the Boilermaker Band to perform at a dance. In the winter, the club held the Jivin Hearts Dance on Valentine s Day, which featured the music of the Stone Rock Big Band as well as a bachelor auction. In May, the Jitterbug Club arranged an all-day dance workshop with instructors from Chicago, Columbus and Hocking Hills. The workshop was followed by an evening dance where participants were able to apply what they had learned throughout the day. Providing a unique mix of activities to students, the OU Jitterbug Club successfully continued its strong tradition of friends and fun.

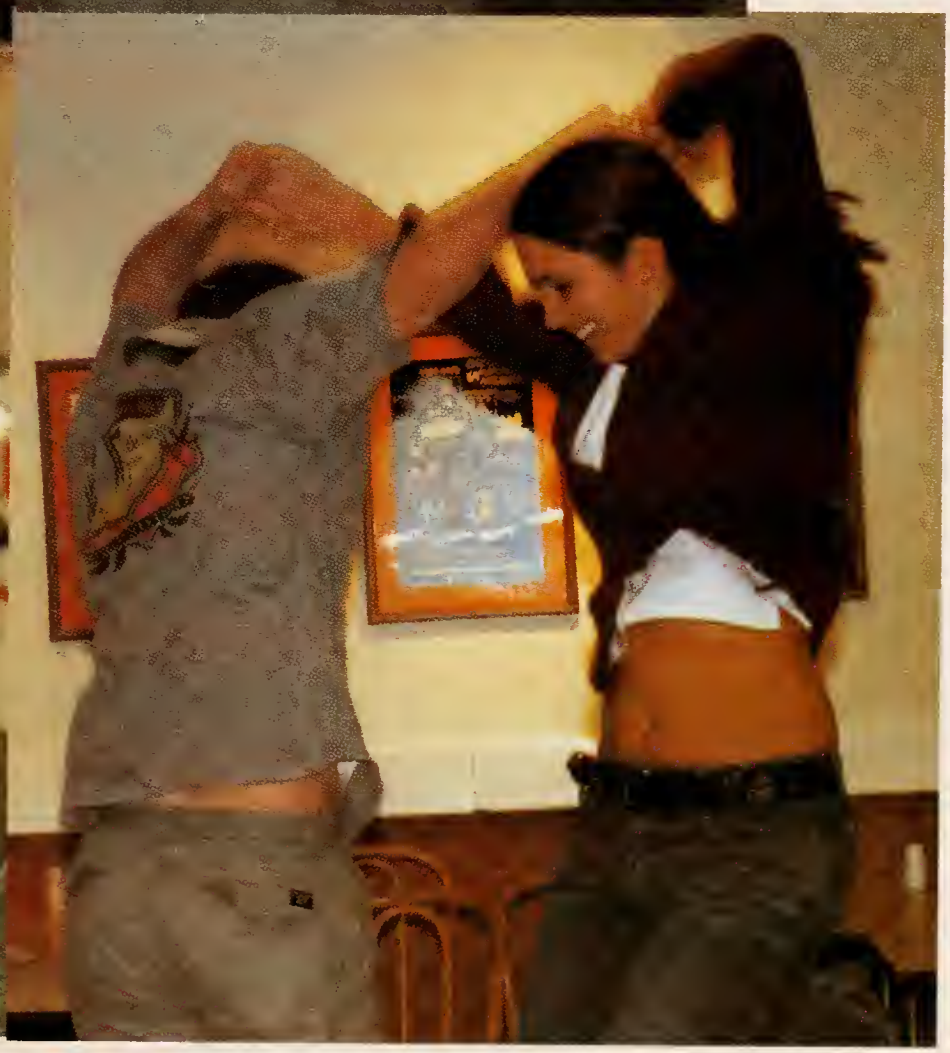


Right: Andy Lammers and partner dances to that swingin' good music at a Thursday Lindy Hop session. Photo by Katie Labbe

Below Left: Brian Morris and partner Mariah are dancing at the Thursday Lindy Hop meeting.

Below Right: Jitterbug Club members Shaun Holloway and Kristi Krasula jump and jive to the swingin' music at swing practice.

Photos by Katie Labbe



senior class council

classy leadership

by michelle shively

Under the leadership of enthusiastic officers, Senior Class Council worked hard, planning and participating in many activities. The main goal of Senior Class Council was "to represent the needs of the senior class in the most effective and efficient way possible," said President Amanda Cunningham. Other officers included Vice President Stephen Matsko, Treasurer James Harris and Secretary Jackie Ruback. Fifteen other members contributed to the Council's efforts alongside these officers.

Throughout the year, Senior Class Council was responsible for many activities for Ohio University seniors. The Council hosted the Senior Class Happy Hour on a regular basis. They also planned the Senior Class trip to Las Vegas that took place in spring quarter.

Other responsibilities of the Senior Class Council related more to graduation. Members chose Commencement speakers and worked to raise money for the class gift to Ohio University. One of their most beneficial projects was a Graduation Fair for all seniors. "It's like one stop shopping for graduation," said Cunningham. Information on graduation, joining alumni chapters, paying student loans, purchasing a car or apartment and other pertinent information was available for graduates.

Cunningham cites "getting to meet a wide variety of students I'd otherwise not get a chance to work with," as the best part of her Senior Class Council experience. The Senior Class Council succeeded in making their contributions to Ohio University both fun and practical for all students.

by jennifer bishop

serving the public

arnold air society

Arnold Air Society is a community service club that is open to all Air Force ROTC members. Led by Heather Clark, commander of the organization, students volunteer to help out with different events in the community. During each rotation, about one and a half quarters, club members participate in up to three or four preplanned services. Sometimes work is sought out in the community, but people also come to the organization to ask for help with their events. In the past Arnold Air Society has worked with the American Heart Association and Big Brothers Big Sisters. The members also attend a national conference to discuss business each year.

During the year Arnold Air Society works on a variety of fundraisers. The society is comprised of almost half of the ROTC members attending Ohio University, so the biggest challenge is coordinating conflicting schedules to find a meeting time. Meetings are sometimes held as late as 10 p.m. to avoid conflicts. This is because Air Force ROTC members are required to take training classes where they learn proper customs and courtesies and attend leadership laboratories along with the basic college courses.

Many ROTC participants choose to volunteer through Arnold Air Society to get involved with the community and to get the chance to gain more firsthand experience with leadership skills. Members work at all different levels of planning, from organizing transportation to creating newsletters and paper work to gathering people together for events. "It takes a lot of time but gives us the chance to work with the community," explained Vanessa Vanden Bout.

Commander Clark has been a member of the club for the past four years. "I love the community service," stated Clark, who explained that the organization also helps groom the young members for future service and work. "It's a cool way to work with the public and learn skills for the future at the same time."

a&s student ambassadors a great program

by stacia gole

Students belong to a college within Ohio University to gain much more than just a degree. Many join clubs sponsored by specific colleges that allow for real-world experiences related to their own fields of study. Although anyone attending OU is welcome, the College of Arts and Sciences hosts the A & S Student Ambassadors.

"The purpose of this club is to help students become involved with the college by meeting professors and attending college-related activities," said club historian Latoya Turner.

The organization's activities have been for all types of students, from potential and new to current and graduate. The DARS fest was held in the fall to introduce new students to their advisors as well as to help them read their DARS reports. Also, every spring the Ambassadors conduct programs called Elements and First Day, in which prospective students visit OU and are welcomed by the club. There was a Graduate Testing Program in February for practice with graduate entrance exams as well.

The Ambassadors joined forces with several other OU clubs to help organize a Spoken Word Extravaganza, which was held on November 9. They invited prominent writers and poets speak and perform to an audience open to the public about the power of the spoken word. Famous authors and poets showcased included Ras Baraka and Guillermo Rebollo-Gil. Dr. T. Ford-Ahmed and the Jumla Wahi Players also performed, for the first time in 30 years. Commenting on the club's participation in planning the event, President of the A & S Student Ambassadors Melissa Lander said, "This was the first time anything like this was done on campus, so we decided to jump right in and help out. It was truly a great program to be a part of."

by jessica moss

promoting health

POWER is a non-profit organization of peer educators who program on issues facing college students including sexual issues, alcohol, nutrition, exercise,relationships, spirituality, stress management, and other general wellness issues. POWER, which stands for Promoting Ohio University Wellness Education Responsibly, is made up of Ohio University students that are recognized as nationally certified peer health educators. POWER holds weekly POWER hours at the Ping Center and schedules programs for student organizations, residence halls, and classes.

Pills, powders, potion, beating the winter blahs, latexology, stressed out, recreational drugs, celebrating healthy bodies and healthy lives, and spring break safety are seven examples of seminars that POWER ran for Ohio University students during the 2002-2003 school year. In addition, POWER also can schedule extra programs per organizations' requests. The organizations can schedule these special events by contacting POWER, discussing the desired content of the program, and developing a promotional poster to encourage students to attend the program.

Why do students join POWER? First, they learn about health issues that are extremely valuable to themselves and others. Second, they get a chance to meet new friends and all sorts of people. Finally, it is a very productive group to become involved and affiliated with. To become a POWER member, students must submit an application and attend an interview. After they complete the interview process, they must enroll in a 4 credit hour class where they will learn everything that there is to know about POWER and health issues that face the OU campus.

power

2nd amendment club

answering questions

by stacia golen

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution has sparked much controversy and attention throughout our country's history. Many groups have been created to discuss and debate the significance of this amendment. Ohio University is no exception; it, too, has a student-run Second Amendment Club.

Established to inform students of the legalities and politics surrounding the 'right to bear arms,' the group has weekly meetings. During these meetings, club members discuss gun and firearm safety, answer questions and host speakers. Some notable speakers included conservatives Bay Buchanan and Dr. David Yeagley, as well as philosophical thinker Ken Wilber, who all spoke of the importance of the Second Amendment.

"The club is for the members," remarks President John Ball. "We gather together to answer questions, offer information and have activities that they request."

/ beth comer

a love for literature

sigma tau delta

Students who share a love for literature and English are bound together by Sigma Tau Delta, an organization which aims "to confer distinction upon English majors and minors who achieve high standards of excellence in their college careers; the main purpose is to recognize academic excellence," explained Caroline Manley, president of the organization.

The international English honor society was established at OU in 1995. There are approximately 50 members, and it is expanding rapidly.

The first annual Sigma Tau Delta student and English faculty dinner was held January 27 in the Baker Ballroom. Throughout dinner, members and faculty interacted and learned a great deal about one another. The main purpose of the dinner was to thank the professors for the wonderful job they did each day.

Fall quarter was also a busy time for Sigma Tau Delta. Interviews for scholarships were in progress. "We have four people representing the Alpha Theta Phi chapter of STD for such awards; Junior scholarship (Kelly Yambor), Senior Scholarship (Shawne O'Connell), Study abroad scholarship (Sean Riley), and the Henry Regnery Endowed Scholarship (Sara Dobie)," Caroline Manley revealed.

In March, members from the organization attended the annual Sigma Tau Delta International Convention in Cincinnati. Advisor, Dr. Loreen Giese, submitted a panel proposal and it was accepted. Manley, along with members Sean Riley and Jennifer Combes presented the panel at the convention on the topic "Ourselves Reflected."

Membership chair for the club, Jennifer Houtz, said, "This is the first year that our organization has had a significant number of students involved, and we are hoping to be able to utilize that next year." As membership chair Houtz publicizes Sigma Tau Delta's Fraternity during rush week each quarter. Houtz continued, "Caroline had no idea that our membership would grow so large, and consequently we have been trying to plan for a club that has never really been this big before. It is a lot of fun, and not every university has this organization."

professional journalists reaching out

by stacia goler

With over 100 members, OU's Society of Professional Journalists has bragging rights for being one of the largest chapters in the prestigious nationwide journalism organization. Consisting of journalism majors, with the majority being magazine and news writing sequences, this club's main focus is to educate people on journalistic endeavors through service projects.

To fulfill local and national requirements, students completed community service each quarter, while at the same time informing the public on journalism's role in the world today.

"We usually host prominent journalists at meetings or get together with other clubs in the College of Communication to participate in blood drives or environmental clean-ups," said President Dustin Torres. "We also handed out pamphlets on journalism ethics along with some hot chocolate to help students warm up during February."

The First Amendment Project and Project Watchdog were two big events this year. Project Watchdog featured speakers and forums on journalism's watchdog role to society, while the First Amendment Project was a free concert at Baker emphasizing the right to free speech and free press.

SPJ's biggest activity this year was the High School Journalism Conference held on April 27 at Scripps Hall. This first-time-ever, one-day seminar allowed high school students who worked on their school newspapers or yearbooks to get informed about life as a real journalist.

"We decided to do this conference to bring kids here, to one of the best journalism schools in the nation, to showcase what journalism is all about. Plus, it's a great recruiting tool," commented Torres. "Our main goal was to get people from different sized publications to interact so that maybe someone on a staff of five can bring new ideas to someone on a staff of 100 and influence them. It was a really exciting program for SPJ."

by jennifer lambert

planning events

university program council

University Program Council (UPC) is a group of students who plan and publicize events on Ohio University's campus, Katherine Hinman, current president of UPC, said. UPC sponsors three types of events: concerts, cultural arts events and special events.

UPC sponsors at least one major act, a nationally recognized artist, each school year. Past acts have been Ben Harper, Ani DiFranco and George Clinton with Parliament Funkadelic. This year's big concert was the Counting Crows. UPC also sponsors local or regional acts during the school year.

Cultural arts programs can include a variety of events. Past programs include a Holocaust survivor and a former NeoNazi, a student art exhibit and on the first anniversary of 9/11, UPC provided art supplies to students on campus to express themselves on a quilt that was part of a memorial ceremony, Hinman said.

Not all special events sponsored by UPC are concerts or culture related. "UPC plans at least one major event for every special weekend, like Moms Weekend, Parents Weekend and Homecoming," Hinman said. Past events include speaker Maya Angelou, comedian Margaret Cho and the Homecoming parade. The council also sponsors and cosponsors several speakers and small activities to entertain students throughout the school year.

Ideas on who should come to OU can come from anywhere, but "committee heads usually look to their committee members for ideas," Hinman said. UPC tries to grab people before they get big and end up being too expensive. "Often there's someone we really want, but we can't afford them on our budget," Hinman said.

The next time you go to a UPC sponsored event, find a member and thank him or her for the hard work and effort necessary to make OU a more interesting place to live and learn.

campus crusade

praise and worship

by molly tinke

Campus Crusade for Christ, an inter-denominational Christian organization, can be found on college campuses throughout the country; OU is no exception. With weekly meetings called "180," Bible studies, retreats and regional conferences, Campus Crusade offers its members many opportunities to get involved.

"Our meetings consist of some time doing praise and worship with the praise band, skits, personal stories and a talk by either a student, a staff person, alumni or special guest," explained senior member Michele Wingfield. About 350 students regularly attend 180, Wingfield said.

180 takes place every Thursday night in Morton Hall. Although the organization is mostly run by students, the group at OU also has six staff members. These staff members help to coordinate events such as Fall Retreat and Spring Fling (another retreat). The mission trips members took to New York City and Chicago over spring break were also a result of this hard work. Other groups took spring break trips to Panama City, Fla., and to France.

Organized Bible studies also reach out to a large number of students. "We have several small Bible studies that meet throughout the week, and we have over 430 students across the campus involved with them," Wingfield stated.

Campus Crusade also offers many opportunities outside of Athens. An annual Christmas Conference takes place every year in Indianapolis, and members can choose to be a part of a summer experience called Summer Project. Groups go to cities such as San Diego and Seattle as well as to other countries, like Ecuador.

Wingfield said she joined Campus Crusade as a freshman because she "wanted to make friends." It has benefited her in other ways as well. "Most importantly, I have learned what it is I believe, why I believe it and how to defend it," she said.

Third-year student Lindsey Elling has personal reasons for being a part of Campus Crusade as well. "Crusade is a wonderful experience for me with lots of fun, fellowship and most importantly, growth in my spiritual life and with God," Lindsey said.

by jennifer bishop

say yes to children

Ohio University's chapter of the United Nations Children's Fund, also known as UNICEF, is a relatively new organization to the university. Led by Beatrice Kumi, who has been president for the past two years, OU's UNICEF program was founded during the fall of 2001 by international graduate students. It is part of the UNICEF Campus Initiative that currently has only 20 member-campuses nationwide. Kumi explained that the goal of OU UNICEF "is to create awareness about the plight of children around the world through advocacy, education and fundraising."

Although this was only the second year that OU UNICEF has been on campus, it was very active on campus. It was involved with Say Yes to Children, the Coca-Cola UNICEF campaign, and a program to come up with ten rights of all children. This was for a conference held at the United Nations where children from around the world attended to talk with leaders. In the first year of the existence of the OU chapter, Kumi also went to Trimble Middle School and talked with students to make them aware of UNICEF and its purpose. During the school year, the most well-known event was the Trick-or-Treat. In the first year the proceeds went to support education in Afghanistan, and this past fall it went to help rid the world of polio.

However, the largest obstacle faced by OU UNICEF was getting participation from graduate and undergraduate students from the United States. Currently, the organization is made up of mostly international students. Those students are often only here for a year or two at a time, so "it is especially hard to be involved in the Athens community and to continue the program," said Kumi.

unicef

hand-on experience

by beth come

prssa

Serving members by enhancing their knowledge of public relations and providing access to professional development opportunities is all done through PRSSA, the Public Relations Student Society of America. "This is a professional student organization that helps develop highly qualified and well-prepared professionals in the public relations field," explains Victoria Bordwell, Secretary, Historian and Webmaster for PRSSA. She has occupied these positions since spring quarter 2002, and finds them to be quite fulfilling.

PRSSA was founded 20 years after the establishment of PRSA, (Public Relations Society of America). OU's chapter of PRSSA has around 60 dues-paying members, and it is still expanding. A dues-paying member has the ability to run for Executive Board, reduce registration costs at the PRSSA National Conference, and harbors the ability to become OU's national delegation at the PRSSA National Assembly.

Understanding current theories and procedures of a profession in public relations, appreciating the highest ethical ideals and principles, and having a sound awareness of an appropriate professional attitude are some of the goals the society strives for.

"What I like best about PRSSA is that it gives students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience before going out into the working world and getting a job," Bordwell said. "It has given me so much experience and helped to shape my career goals and my personal values. As a public relations major in Scripps, you can't take the first PR class, Introduction to Public Relations, until you're a sophomore. And the first class that actually gives you a more substantial understanding of the trade is when you reach status of a senior. So, PRSSA gives you a chance to find out if PR is what you want to do before you invest three years," she continued.

An important activity that PRSSA started is Professional, the external quarterly newsletter. It is edited by Sarah Bearce and Molly Sustar, and it is managed by PRSSA's National Liaison, Sarah Spence. PRSSA has been improving dramatically within the last few years. Impressions, a student-run firm, has expanded with the times, and the number of clients and members involved increases as each year passes. Impressions gives students the opportunity to plan and initiate public relations programs within the university, the community and national organizations.

The firm is headed by Shannon Stucky, CEO, and account supervisors Leslie Jimenez, Jamie Heberling and Sarah Bearce. Members in PRSSA are entitled to a number of scholarships. The Robert Baker Scholarship, is worth more than $1,000, the 2003 Professor Sidney Gross Memorial Award is worth $1,000. There are also many others.

"PRSSA is a wonderful experience and I encourage everyone who is interested to get involved. While most of our members are PR majors, students from all majors are welcome," says Bordwell.

y beth comer

selfless work

alpha phi omega

Like many other schools throughout the country, Ohio University has a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed national service fraternity. This group of dedicated intellectuals serves the community in many different ways and has become an significant part of the university community.

Alpha Phi Omega was founded in 1925 "on the principles of the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the fraternity can be found on hundreds of college campuses, with every member proud to continue in Leadership, Friendship, and Service." The Delta Gamma chapter is OU's representative of the Alpha Phi Omega organization and is one of the biggest fraternities on the entire campus. There are over 100 members, and the group expands each year. Yearly, the Alpha Phi Omega members spend their time raising money and volunteering for various activities.

Alpha Phi Omega positively contributes to and enriches the Athens community by selflessly initiating and volunteering in these numerous programs. In the process of helping others, the members are rewarded; each member preserves the warm memories of helping others and treasures the lasting bonds that will continue throughout his or her life.

Alpha Phi Omega is dedicated to the world as well as to brotherhood. This commitment will continue as times change and new members join OU's Delta Gamma chapter to carry on the tradition of this positive and important organization.

undergraduate art league

promoting art

by jennifer bishop

The Undergraduate Art League is an organization that anyone on campus is welcome to join. This committee-oriented group, led by Rebecca Whittington, works to give students the opportunity to show their work to audiences, including professional artists who visit the student-run galleries. On campus the group helps to manage Cube 4 which is located at Siegfried Hall and "is the only undergraduate-run and showcased art gallery in the country," Whittington stated proudly.

Cube 4 runs on a rotating schedule, allowing many students to display their work. Students do not have to be art majors to have their work displayed in the gallery; however, it quickly books up during the year and by February had already been booked for the rest of the 2002-2003 school term.

Along with maintaining Cube 4 the Undergraduate Art League brought guest artists and lecturers like Pamela Frasier, a New York painter, to the university. Whittington and the other organization members also organize events to help raise money. The profits from these programs often go to the College of Fine Arts to help improve it and to work on other events. With the help of many volunteers, the Undergraduate Art League has been able to do a number of benefit shows at the Union, where bands played to help raise funds.

However, large fundraisers and benefits are not the only activities that the Art League develops. After many of its meetings, the group hosts video art and movie marathons. Most importantly, Whittington explained, "the goal of the Undergrad Art League is to promote student art for the fun of it."

by jennifer lambert

helping others

kappa phi

Kappa Phi is a women's Christian service organization that is committed to worshiping God and helping others, Rebecca Weiler, the 2002-2003 president of Kappa Phi, said. The group helps women realize their potential, have a strong relationship with God, others around them and their selves and be actively involved in making their community a better place.

Kappa Phi brings together women from a variety of majors, from Japanese to pre-med to social work to education, to make Ohio University and the surrounding community a more caring place to live.

Kappa Phi sponsors the free Midnight Breakfast from midnight to two a.m. the second Friday of each month. The group also has a Relay-for-Life team, Weiler said. Kappa Phi visits the Hocking Valley Community Residential Center to play basketball and volleyball with the young men who reside there, and they also hold dances there for the boys to enjoy.

Kappa Phi's treasurer for 2002-2003 is Jennifer Poeppelman, and the Kappa Phi advisor is Heidi Tracy.

international business society

sharing interests

by jessica moss

The International Business Society's mission is to maintain a society where students can meet and share their international interests and further educate themselves about international business issues, practices and cultures. The organization strives to increase awareness of different cultures by participating in international events, hosting speakers to talk about their personal and professional international experiences, and discuss current world news events.

Spring quarter, IBS participated in the International Street Fair, where they made strawberry daiquiris to raise funds for their organization. IBS also took part in a trip to Pittsburgh, where they visited area companies and received valuable networking opportunities. Future plans for IBS include a trip overseas during winter break of 2004.

Junior Human Resource Management and International Business major Anne Callas is president of the International Business Society. Callas has been involved with the group since fall quarter of her freshman year. Callas express the importance of international experience in the interviewing process, "I think when employees are reviewing candidates, a person that shows international experience is looked highly upon. IBS strives to open students' eyes past Ohio University and view the whole world. This is how IBS helps students with their future careers."

by jennifer bishop

furthering ethics

national press photographers

Headed by current president Becky Sell, the National Press Photographers Association is a student organization whose goal is to "share photo journalism," said former president Denise Mangen. It is an organization linked to Ohio University's School of Communication that works a great deal with the School of Visual Communication.

Although the National Press Photographers Association has been in existence for the past several years, it was only recently made into a formal club at Ohio University during the last school year. It is a branch of the national organization, explained Mangen, which wants to further photojournalism and ethics and achieves this through conventions. The organization also stays very involved with the college by placing a representative as a member of the Communications Council.

During the year the group brings in many guest speakers who are professionals from different publications. These professionals come to visit and to share information about their experiences and interest in photojournalism with the students. Past lecturers who have visited the university are David Allen Harvey of *National Geographic*, Bob Lerner from *Look Magazine* and representatives from the *Dayton Daily News*, as well as local newspapers and other publications. Members of the group also gave presentations.

However, the biggest event of the year for the National Press Photographers Association is Viscom Day. This takes place every year in the spring as part of College of Communications Week. During the day professional speakers give presentations along with information provided by group members working to help organize the event.

student alumni board

bringing ou together

by jennifer lamber

The Student Alumni Board (SAB) was established in 1978 to connect current Ohio University students with OU alumni. Kara McDonald, SAB Communications Chair, said, "We work to bring all members of the Ohio University community together, whether they are alumni, current students or faculty/staff." The SAB mission statement is, "The Student Alumni Board establishes and strengthens a connection between current students and the Alumni Association by creating programs and activities that open doors to students and connect alumni to campus."

The Student Alumni Board only has space for 65 members, but each member brings variety to the group, McDonald said. Members attend two or three meetings a week and spend many hours organizing events and programs. SAB is comprised of many committees designed to help organize a variety of aspects of SAB. There is an executive committee as well as committees for internal activities, alumni relations, fundraising, philanthropy and university events, McDonald said.

SAB sponsors many events and programs to help connect the entire Ohio University community. During fall quarter, the Student Alumni Board sponsors annual events such as their membership drive, the "Yell Like Hell" Homecoming pep rally and the SAB hayride. During winter intersession they sponsor an externship program, and during winter quarter they sponsor the benefit talent show and Sibs' Weekend buses, which bring siblings to OU from all corners of the state. SAB is busy throughout spring quarter sponsoring events such as the SAB formal, the annual car wash, a senior picnic, "Take a Slice of OU with You" and the Faculty Excellence Award. SAB also produces an OU daily planner complete with a campus and city directory. The 2003 SAB president was Brandis Thornton, and the SAB advisor was Jennifer Heisey.

by jennifer lambert

glimpsing the field

Students in the J. Warren McClure School of Communication Systems Management had a unique opportunity to participate in an active organization specifically for students with their interests. This organization, Students in Communications Management, maintained a group of about 20 students who are actively involved in group activities.

Students in Communications Management was led by Christopher Mears, President; Barry Spurlock, Vice President; Chad Pfeffer, Treasurer; Adam Sickmiller, Secretary; and David Kocan, Information Officer.

The purpose of CSM is to promote exploration of the Communications Systems Management major and to give students the resources to participate in this type of exploration outside of class. "We provide a social and professional atmosphere, which enables the members to listen to speakers, present on up-and-coming technology, participate in tours and learn more about the field and major," said Mears.

Organization members worked on a service project with the Foothills School of American Arts and Crafts. The group volunteered to install their data and voice network. Students set up the Foothills School's phones and computers to allow for internet access. This project "has been a great experience for the members of the organization as well as for me. We have gotten a great deal of hands-on experience setting up and configuring the network that we would not have gotten in the classroom or labs, because it was real-world practice," Mears said.

The group also invited guest speakers to meet with students and took tours of local telecommunications businesses.

The organization allows members to get ahead of the game when it comes time to graduate, Mears said. "It will give them a glimpse at the industry and hopefully help them get a job due to the great number of CSM alumni out in the industry already."

marketing association

developing pros

by jessica mos

The American Marketing Association has the reputation for being the world's largest professional society for marketers. OU's nationally recognized chapter aids its members in building upon what they learn in the classroom. AMA assists with managing career goals, providing networking opportunities, enhancing leadership skills and informing members of current marketing and business trends. They also participate in community service projects around campus.

Senior marketing major Sherry Butterworth has been involved with AMA since the fall quarter of her sophomore year. She currently holds the title of president and stresses the importance of the organization. "This organization provides ample professional development opportunities," she said.

In March, the AMA is traveled to New Orleans where they participated in an annual marketing conference. At the conference, they met other AMA chapters to participate in activities such as leadership sessions and sessions led by marketing practitioners. They also had the opportunity to participate in a "career corner" where speakers and companies conducted resume reviews, mock interviews and networking sessions.

Sophomore Adrienne Volin joined AMA winter quarter and is one of its newest members. "I am really excited that I joined AMA. I feel that this experience will aid me in my future career by providing me with necessary skills and great networking opportunities."

by katie brandt

Focused on future

women in communication

At the first meeting of the AWC, 10 executive board members stood facing a crowd of prospective members, excited to begin the meeting. Those potential members, with their various hair colors, skin tones, heights and weights, filled virtually every seat in Scripps Auditorium 111; however, they all had one thing in common—they were all females.

AWC, or the Association for Women in Communication, meets every other Tuesday. They schedule main events and speakers in order to benefit those involved in the organization.

"We try to cover as many things as possible and prepare people for careers in any major," fourth-year student and AWC President Sharon Metzung said. "We promote and champion the advance of women in all fields and try to help in any way we can," she continued.

In the fall of this year, AWC hosted a DARS Fest for its members. During this event, members of the executive board explained exactly what the DARS report is and how to read it. Then, all who were present of the group's 90-active members broke into splinter groups based on their majors and received more one-on-one guidance from executive board members who shared the same major.

First-year student Jenny Bonnar first heard about AWC through a mailing. She said, "The girls are all really supportive, and I learn a lot through the presentations."

Other events the AWC has sponsored include resume, stress relief and internship workshops. On the evening of the resume workshop, members first listened to various speakers discuss positive ways to make resumes stand out and then had the opportunity to have professional women critique their resumes.

Annually, the AWC also looks forward to the Etiquette Tea held at President Glidden's home, which is hosted by Mrs. Glidden. All members who have paid their $35 dues for the year may participate in the event. They dress formally and meet in the Glidden home where they learn from Mrs. Glidden the do's and don'ts of business and communication etiquette.

One of the things that makes OU's AWC chapter stand apart from the multitude of other chapters across the country is that, in 2001, the committee that reviews and considers all the AWC chapters' reports recognized OU's as the best National Chapter and awarded their newsletter, "Endeavors," outstanding newsletter. A plaque and Dean's List citations symbolize all of the hard work and effort that the members of this organization, especially the executive committee, have put into their work within AWC.

"We're lucky to have people on board who are very willing to help. We've had less support in the past," Metzung said. The AWC values its members' dedication, which is evident in the efforts of Secretary Randi Comstock, Treasurer Lisa Bodrock, Director of Public Relations Lori Joseph and the organization's active members.

First-year student Lauren Kuzyk decided to join AWC last fall. "Since I'm a freshman," she said, "I thought this would be a good introduction, a good way to make friends who are interested in the same stuff. She also noted that, "The meetings are informative and fun."

All of our units are set up so our students have the chance to do things above and beyond class work.

- Linda Lockhart, on the College of Health and Human Services

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Arts and Sciences
the heart of the university

by beth come

Students within the College of Arts and Sciences find its existence to be inviting and useful for those who seek professions in all types of sciences and arts.

"Arts and Sciences is the oldest college at the university and its heart and soul. The disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences have been the essence of a liberal education since the 5th century B.C.," Professor Samuel Crowl said. Crowl teaches in the 600-student strong English Department. He called the Spring Literary Festival held every May the high point of year for the department.

"I've been teaching here for 33 years and find the university an interesting combination of the small liberal arts college where the development of the individual student is paramount and the large research university where the production and dissemination of knowledge is primary," said Crowl.

The College of Arts and Sciences has 19 departments offering students a choice of 26 majors, 27 minors, five certificate programs, and 57 career-related programs. This gives students a variety of subjects in which to explore and practice critical thinking. The college enhances the critical thinking abilities of its students and provides them with proper knowledge and skills to utilize an excelled education.

The college offers 20 programs that lead to master's degrees and eight that lead to doctorates. To fill the desire and passion of students to learn not only in the United States but around the world as well, the college provides 38 study abroad programs in 28 countries.

Dr. Signe Denbow, a French professor, said she feels strongly and positively in regards to the study abroad program. OU students travel to places such as France, Spain, Mexico and many others across the world, making the foreign language experience even better. Dr. Denbow explained that she enjoys working with the foreign language department due to the friendly faculty and the interactive teaching style. She learns a bit about her students when teaching French because the classes are smaller and much more intimate. "The arts and sciences college is the core of the University," she added.

Ian Joseph Chaves is a pre-med major with a minor in chemistry. He chose this particular area of study mainly based on his interest in science and medicine. "It is a dynamic career with many different opportunities," Chaves said. "The field itself is always changing and producing challenges."

While enrolled with Ohio University, Chaves has taken a number of intriguing and challenging courses including biology, inorganic and organic chemistry, biochemistry, physiology, physics, calculus, Spanish and medical terminology. The studying has been rigorous for Chaves, but the eventual rewards are worth the time and effort. "I'm not doing it for the money. I'm doing it for the loads of money!" he joked.

Chaves decided to major in pre-med during his mid-high school years. While in college, pursuing this major has not been a problem. He quickly employed his time in the American Medical Student Association, which has helped immensely by providing him with learning experiences involving his interest in medicine.

Many students outside of the college find themselves taking courses withing it to complete general education requirements. Some schools, such as the Scripps School of Journalism, require their students to take a minimum number of credit hours with in the College of Arts and Sciences in order to develop a well-rounded student.

The College of Arts and Sciences gives students a chance to learn more about themselves and what they are capable of doing. With a sound education, students increase their chances of leading a successful professional life after they leave OU.

Above: Senior political science majors Adam Bentz and Larry Hayman talk during the school's DARS fest.

Left: Author Ki-Ki Delancey was brought to OU by the English department's office of special programs to speak on her work depicting Ohio.

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Above: Senior Brian Bender measures out a solution while junior Ryan Pratt takes tally in their chemical science lab.

Left: Senior political science major Diana DeCola helps junior Kristian Kirkpatrick read her DARS report.

Below: Professor Justin Stevens shows his students a demonstration of a zinc and sulfer chemical reaction during a lab.

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Arts and Sciences

by jessica moss

Business preparing for the future

Walk through Copeland Hall and you will see them. Look close enough, and you will stare into th eyes of the future giants of industry. These are the future marketing executives, CEOs, directors of huma resources, vice presidents of major corporations, investors and accountants. These are the College o Business Students.

With an undergraduate program of close to 1,900 students and a graduate program of 120 student the College of Business is able to provide its students with a competitive atmosphere, preparing these stu dents for professional jobs in high demand.

On February 4, the College of Business hosted its fourth annual career and internship fair. Seventee companies came to meet and interview OU's College of Business students for various internship program Over 300 students participated, meeting with representatives from top companies such as Bank One, J.C Penney, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Nationwide Insurance and Phillip Morris.

The event was held in Baker Center and students were able to go to the different company table where representatives were waiting. Students were able to establish networks and rapport. Angi Anderson, the Assistant Dean for Career Resources, felt the fair was a success. "Networking is very impor tant for our students' internship experience and their future careers." Many students were interviewed o the spot, and others set up interview appointments for the days to follow. Anderson said, "I think that th event continues to be a valuable component of the professional development process."

The College of Business students are encouraged to take part in numerous business clubs and organ izations around campus. Terra Amicone, a sophomore Human Resource Management and Finance majo takes part in Delta Sigma Pi (the professional business fraternity) and the Society for Human Resourc Management. "I learned about Delta Sigma Pi through my Business Administration 100 class my freshman year... The class had various speakers that informed freshman about different business organizations on campus and how to become involved with them. My advisor suggested the Society of Human Resource Management."

Dr. John Day enjoys his job as Chair of the Management Information Systems Department and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Business. "The most rewarding part of my job is getting to work with students as they prepare themselves for meaningful careers. It is always nice to have them return and tell us all the wonderful things they accomplished after graduation." Dr. Day believes that OU's business program is unique. "Ohio University's Business School prides itself on its commitment to active learning and student engagement. By limiting the size of our program, we are able to work closely with students both inside and outside the classroom to provide them with the types of skills that employers are seeking in a business graduate."

p: MBA Graduate student Shaun Holloway focuses on getting some work done at Copeland Hall. *Photo by Katie Labbe*

Bottom Left:
Management and Strategic Leadership senior Brendan Meyer helps answer questions about Management Information Systems at the College of Business fair. *Photo by Katie Labbe*

Bottom Right:
Students work on a group assignment in Copeland Auditorium.

Business

Communication
sharing a passion

by katie brandt

You see their faces on the television, hear their voices on the radio and read their words in the newspaper. They are the College of Communication students, each enrolled in one of the schools spread throughout the College's ten buildings across campus: the School of Interpersonal Communication, the School of Telecommunications, The School of Visual Communication, the J. Warren McClure School of Communication Systems Management or the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism.

With an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 2,500 students, the College of Communication coordinates numerous events throughout the year to encourage its students to participate in the various organizations on campus and introduce them to people already succeeding in the communication industry.

The College hosted the Communication Career Connection fall quarter, which featured more than 20 local and national businesses and organizations. Prior to the event, the College held the Career Connection Student Conference. Attendees participated in sessions regarding job searches, life after college, learning techniques while on the job and other career-related topics.

The Communication Fair, the College's key event for this year, took place during the last week of April into early May, and featured newscaster Ted Koppel. Koppel, a 37-year veteran of ABC News, served as the first anchor on ABC's *Nightline* in 1980 as well as the program's managing editor. Because he remains friends with a professor that once taught at OU and spoke very highly of the school, Koppel agreed to speak at the Fair. Faculty and staff within the College of Communication stress the importance of making connections with people within the world of communication, as well as with other students enrolled in the school, for exactly that reason; one never knows when he or she may be in need of a helping hand or be able to do a favor for another.

In addition to events, the College offers many award-winning organizations such as the Society of Professional Journalists, Association for Women in Communication, WOUB radio, Public Relations Student Society of America, and others.

Most students, faculty and staff within the College of Communication feel passionately about everything in which they participate. The professors, many of whom have worked professionally in the communication field, truly enjoy their jobs; their love for their work manifests itself in the reactions of their students.

Of all the classes senior Lisa Marie Brodock has been a part of, Media Ethics (Journ 412) with Dr. Michael Bugeja, has had the strongest impact on her. "Professor Bugeja is very interesting and insightful to learn from. The course itself is designed to help the individual student determine their values, morals, and ethics for living, and that is very important,'" she stated.

Florence Riffe also loves her career with the College of Communication. For the past four years, people at OU have recognized her as Assistant Dean of the College.

"If you like young people, as I do, you get to help them and see the results immediately. It's fun and very gratifying," Riffe said.

Opposite Page: A speaker at the Communication career Connection informs her audience about today's communication field.

Top: Elisha Page, a Visual Communications major, edits some of his photographs in the Siegfried lab.

Bottom Right: A student sets aside her headphones for a moment to focus on her assignment on the computer screen.

Bottom Left: Finishing touches are necessary to perfect these portfolio samples.

Communication

Education
passing on knowledge

by beth comer

Providing knowledge to a starving nation is a commodity of pride. Teachers and counselors have played major roles in the lives of students for centuries. They provide helpful insight within the school system and life in general. Without teachers providing knowledge and counselors helping guide with the direction of life, students would be at a great loss. Knowledge is something that is necessary to function properly in the world, and students must be supported in order to achieve it. Students pursue careers in the field of education within colleges all across America. Making an impact as a teacher is quite a thrill.

"Ohio University's College of Education is designed to give students a broad base of general knowledge, intensive preparation in the major area of study, and professional education that combines theory and practice. This is all included in the undergraduate programs; graduate study and research focuses on bridging the gap between theory and practice and linking research with the everyday issues faced by students, teachers, counselors, administrators and professionals in related fields," according to OU's Web site. The College of Education was founded on May 11, 1886 under the leadership of John Gordy. In the beginning the college was based around two courses of study: One prepared the secondary academy teacher, while the other prepared the elementary teacher. The curriculum included courses such as the Science of Education, the National Perspective on Education, Theory of Concentration, Education Reforms and Philosophy of Mind.

Currently, the College of Education includes 2,490 undergraduate students and 212 graduate students. Sixty-one full-time faculty members guide the students through their coursework. The college is organized into three departments: counselor and higher education, educational studies and teacher education. The departments are designed to train students that wish to pursue careers in teaching, counseling, public school administration and higher education administration.

"The college hosts several special events each year, including the Institute for Democracy in Education (IDE) Conference in the fall, the Society of Alumni & Friends Conference in the spring, the Jennings Professional Development Workshop in Science, the Dr. Samuel I. Hicks Executive-in-Residence Program, the College of Education/Park National Corporation Education Lecture Series, the College of Education Recognition Luncheon, and Commencement Ceremony Receptions," explains Joy Rodgers, Public Affairs Coordinator for the College of Education.

Quite a few guest speakers have visited the OU campus throughout the years. This year Dr. Marilyn Cochran-Smith and Dr. Patricia Albjerg Graham achieved special recognition within the College of Education. "Dr. Marilyn Cochran-Smith is director of the doctoral program in Curriculum and Instruction at Boston College. She was the keynote speaker at the fall Education Lecture Series. Dr. Patricia Albjerg Graham is the Charles Warren Research Professor of the History of the American Education at Harvard. She was this year's recipient of the Samuel I. Hicks Executive-in-Residence honor," Rodgers continued.

Scholarships are easy to attain if one is devoted. In this particular college, financial support is offered to hard-working students. Last year, about 190 students received $190,000 in scholarships. The George E. Hill Memorial Fund, Pikaart-Headapohl Memorial Fund, John J. and Marguaerite Evans Scholarship and Mary Moden Undergraduate Educations Scholarship are offered. There are a number of other scholarships, and, as always, dedicated recipients appreciate and take pride in the recognition.

The College of Education is well organized and ready to provide students with proper training to prepare themselves for the mission of educating America.

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Opposite Page:
Ohio University Junior in the college of Education Jessica Poland helps Britney Barns with her reading after school at Chauncey Elementary School. Poland is part of a Chauncey Literacy Partnership, which brings OU education students to Chauncey to do after school tutoring.

Top:
Dorothy Leal, a Associate Professor in Teacher Education at Ohio University, talks with Jodi Cunningham a first year Grad Student in the College of Education about the weaknesses and strengths of a test given to the 5th grade at Chauncey Elementary, while children and Ohio student tutors pick up snacks after school.

Bottom: Ohio Univerity Junior in the College of Education Julie Luther reads the book "Happy Birthday Moon" to Chauncey Elementary 2nd grader Michael Sams. Luther is able to do this through the Chauncey Literacy Partnership run by the Ohio College of Education.

Education

Fine Arts expanding horizons

by jennifer bisho

Orchestras, choirs, plays, dance pieces, paintings, sculptures, films and the comparative arts. Thes are just a few of the specialties that can be found within the College of Fine Arts at OU. There are six diffe ent schools in the college: Music, Dance, Art, Theatre, Interdisciplinary Arts and Film. However, only the firs four of these schools have undergraduate programs.

The School of Music has programs ranging from choral, orchestral, education, musical therapy, an composition and theory. During the year there are many performances, sometimes weekly or nightly. Thes are performed by students, ensemble groups, faculty and even guests to the university. The school is als home to a number of organizations including Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Mu Alpha, Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kapp Psi, the Music Therapy Club and MENC, a group for music educators.

Another department within the college is the School of Dance. The school teaches history and tech nique while focusing on modern dance. The Movement is a student organization based in the school tha does fundraising to help pay for members to do dance programs during the summer. There are usually tw formal concerts during the year and three to five informal ones given, sometimes just demonstrations or lec tures at schools or other small performance areas.

Also included in the College of Fine Arts is the School of Art. This school works on three galleries across campus. Cube4 is an undergraduate gallery located in Siegfried Hall where any undergraduate stu dent may display work. The Ohio University Gallery is also located at Siegfried Hall and is its main galler Finally, there is the Trisolini Gallery, which hosts work done by Ohio University alumni and faculty. Th Undergraduate Art League is one of the organizations that helps to promote student art and helps out wit the galleries.

The School of Theatre is a pro gram that requires a lot of involve ment. Throughout the year, there ar numerous shows with two or thre student performances put on eac quarter.

The School of Film gives stu dents the chance to obtain master degrees in two different program Master of Arts in International Fil and Master of Fine Arts.

Finally, there is the School Interdisciplinary Arts. This is also doctorate program, run by six facult members. During the year, the facu ty takes sometimes as many as 15 t 17 graduate students each to he them achieve the two quarters training needed before they teach the spring. This department is diffe ent from the rest, as professor Joh Cook explained, because it is work to clash or to make clash the differe forms of art.

No matter what the form, th goal of each of these schools ar their faculty is similar. They instru and involve, but most of all the enjoy having "the opportunity introduce the arts" to students.

Opposite Page: A dancer performs in one of the School of Dance's performances. The school holds performances throughout the year, showcasing the choreography of the seniors.

Top:Iphigenia struggles against life and death in the theater school's production of this classic play.

Bottom Left: The school of theater holds numerous lab shows throughout the year, here student actor Greg Wentz performs.

Bottom Right: Marrakesh Glasspool-Frugia stars as Scapina and is pictured with supporting actor Leandre in the school of theater's production, Scapina!

Fine Arts

Health and Huma

a unique community

by michelle shivel

With nearly 2,700 students, the College of Health and Human Services ranks as the second largest co lege at OU. This college is divided into six schools, all relating somehow to healthcare and other human ser ices and offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Schools within the College of Health and Huma Services include the School of Health Sciences; the School of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences; th School of Nursing; the School of Physical Therapy; and the School of Recreation and Sport Sciences.

Although each school within this college has its own unique characteristics and requirements, st dents find a common bond through the use of the college's facilities. Nearly all the classes HHS studen must take are housed in Grover Center on West Green. With all the schools' offices and the college offic located together along with classrooms, the College of Health and Human Services has managed to bett organize and unify its diverse programs and students.

Dr. Lee Cibrowski, Associate Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, cites some of the co lege's best assets as Grover Center, up-to-date technology in every classroom and good advising. Oth perks for students include the Atrium Café, located on the ground floor of Grover Center. The café gives st dents a comfortable setting to meet with friends after class, study or just relax. This café actually serves a a lab setting for students in the college's food service program.

Students in every school and program within the college are presented with opportunities for la experiences or internships in their particular field. Grover Center houses the Ohio University Therap Associates hearing, speech, language, and physical therapy clinic where students get hands-on experienc while helping patients. WellWorks, Ohio University's employee-wellness program allows students to work a recreational setting while helping Ohio University employees.

"All of our units are set up so our students have the chance to do things above and beyond clas work," explained Linda Lockhart, Communications and Operations Coordinator for the college.

The College of Health and Human Services also oversees all campus recreation and wellness. "W have a lot of physical spaces that we oversee," said D Cibrowski. These include Ping Center, the Aquatic Center, Bi Arena, the Child Development Center and Grover Center alon with playing fields all across campus.

Although it is such a large college, the College of Healt and Human Services strives to get students involved. Studen are immersed in experience not only in more professional se tings through internships but also through social opportunitie like the many student organizations associated with the colleg One organization, the Student Advisory Council, provides st dents with events like an annual picnic and skating party t bring students and faculty together. Because the faculty a very supportive of many student organizations, "The facul and students seem to really know each other," said D Cibrowski. "There is a family sense within the college whe students and faculty can form relationships outside of class." The college takes pride in their unique sense of diversity with its offered programs. "It's one of our strengths, but also o biggest challenge," said Lockhart. So many diverse program and students come together in the College of Health an Human Services, making it a unique community within OU.

Services

Services

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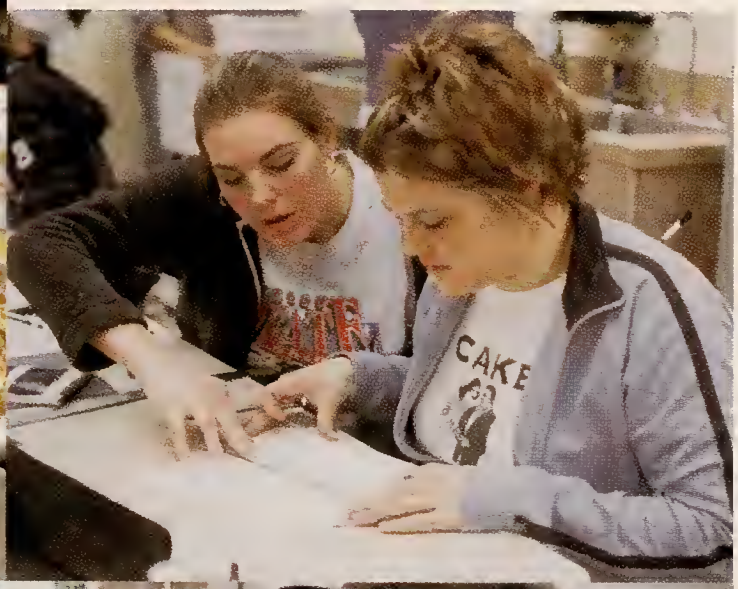
Left: Senior food service management and marketing major Kim Lyons makes lasagna during her morning shift at the Atrium Cafe.



Left: Maggie Noel helps classmate Angie Bibler on a class project in color theory. Both are sophomores studying interior architecture.

Left: Nancy Wafula, a junior food service management major from Kenya, takes inventory on stock in the freezer.

Opposite Page: Jessica Millard, a senior retail merchandising major, works on making a graduated color pallet during color theory class.

Health and Huma

Honors Tutorial

one-on-one instruction

by katie brandt

Ohio University is the only institute of higher learning that has an honors college that gives degrees and follows a conventional tutorial system. Along with a tutorial in their selected major, an Honors Tutorial College student is exempt from Ohio University's general education requirements, except for an English composition course. Some students may also be required to complete a thesis project or a creative project before graduating. Most students entered in the HTC have the opportunity of receiving a degree in less than four years.

A student enrolled in the HTC has a choice of majoring in one of 26 different majors, such as business, computer science, English, journalism, history, philosophy, mathematics, political science, social work and more. HTC students are often a part of two academic communities; they work within the Honors College, with tutorials and other college events, while also becoming a part of the college their major resides within. They usually work alongside both other HTC students and traditional students taking the same courses and joining the same organizations.

The acceptance standards of the HTC are extremely rigorous and selective. The model student accepted into the HTC would have a minimum SAT score of 1300 and/or a minimum ACT score of 30, or 31 for some majors, and would be in the top 10 percent of their graduating high school class. Applicants must also write an essay and undergo an interview process that is not normally required for the traditional student.

Ohio University has had honors classes since 1945, but the actual Honors Tutorial College was not established until 1964. The college did not adopt its unique tutorial format until 1973 under the direction of Professor Ellery Golos.

Today the college is under the direction of Dr. Ann Fidler and enrolls approximately 250 students. The assistant Dean is Dr. Jan Hodson.

Senior Molly Tinker, an HTC journalism student, puts the knowledge she gained in her journalism tutorials to work.

Honors Tutorial

Engineering and Technology

learning from real-world situations

by jennifer lambert

The Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology houses most of the school's departments in the C. Paul Stocker and Beth K. Stocker Engineering and Technology Center on the West Green. The college is divided into eight departments: aviation, chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering and computer science, industrial and manufacturing systems engineering, industrial technology and mechanical engineering.

A chemical engineer uses chemistry, physics, and engineering to transform material in a certain form to a chemically or physically different form. Chemical engineering majors have an array of future career opportunities, from genetic engineering to environmental protection to teaching to researching.

A civil engineer develops innovative cost-saving techniques, materials, and technologies to further advance manufacturing, construction, and transportation. A civil engineer must always be aware of how his or her work could affect the environment.

Daniel McDonald is a fourth-year civil engineering major from Nelsonville, Ohio. "I liked many of the elements that are used in civil engineering, like construction, math, and drafting," McDonald said on how he chose his major.

McDonald's favorite engineering classes have been the ones that relate to structures or transportation, and his favorite professors have been Joe Howard and Ben Stuart. He said they both formulated "real-world" situations in the classroom.

McDonald held an internship position with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) last summer. He worked in Meigs County doing inspection work for a highway construction project. "I did everything from testing concrete to inspecting electrical hookups," McDonald said.

When McDonald graduates he would like to get a permanent job with ODOT. He hopes to go into planning and design, but he would also be content with construction engineering for a while.

Each department in Russ College ensures the finest engineering education with the latest educational tools and facilities. The current dean of the college is Dennis Irwin.

Above left: An engineering student smiles for the camera.
Above right: An engineer's job is never done.

Technology

Right: Engineering students discuss and apply engineering concepts.

Below: Hands-on experience is just as important to engineering students as the information learned through textbooks.

Engineering and

University College

instructing and guiding

by jennifer lambert

In 1935, the University College was founded for the instruction, direction, and guidance of freshmen. Now the University College offers several degrees and is open to all undergraduates, not just freshmen.

Undecided students in the University College receive advising from a faculty advisor and a University College professional advisor so they can get all the information they need to choose a major that is right for them.

The University College offers several courses to assist undecided students in selecting a major. UC 110, Learning Strategies, is a course offered to freshmen to help them learn to manage their study time effectively. Another course offered is UC 115, The University Experience. This class is available to certain first-quarter students, such as undecided students, transfer students, commuter students and students living in certain residence halls. The class helps students adjust to college life at Ohio University and allows them to explore majors that interest them.

The University College offers two baccalaureate degrees. A student can obtain a bachelor s degree in Criminal Justice or Specialized Studies. The Criminal Justice degree helps prepare students for law school, but to be admitted to the Criminal Justice program, a student must possess an associate s degree in a related area. The degree in Specialized Studies allows students to develop their own curriculum in a concentrated area for their major.

The college is a member of the Association of Deans and Directors of University Colleges and Undergraduate Studies, and David Descutner currently serves as the interim Dean of University College.

Above: Freshman Michael Smith (right) gets Physics help from Venkat Krovi, a graduate student.

Right: Junior Mark Kasmer works on his Accounting homework with help from Kelly Baylog.

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Left: Freshmen Brandi Baker (right), TJ Shephard and Byron Gibson study in the Academic Advancement Center.

Below: At a Biology study table sophomore Jennifer Gentry receives help from Joi Bailey.

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University College

My goal is to find a job that I love and that challenges me every day.

- Sharon Metzung, on life after Ohio University

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Pre-Med Chemistry and Biology
Marching 110
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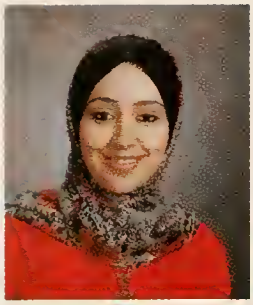

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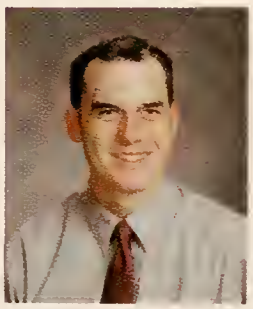

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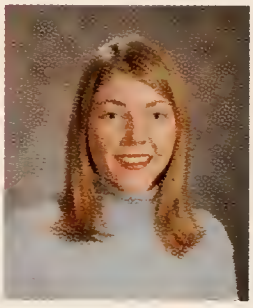

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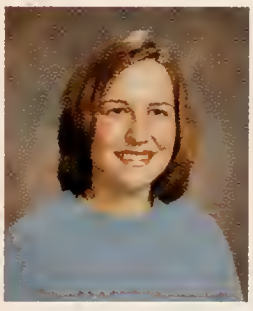

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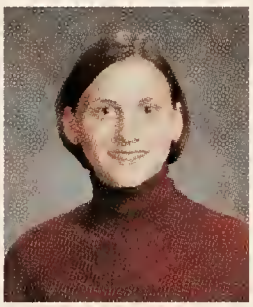

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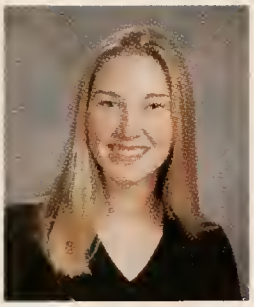

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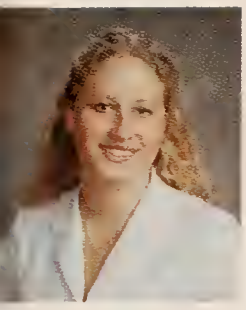

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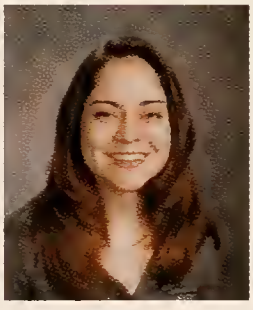

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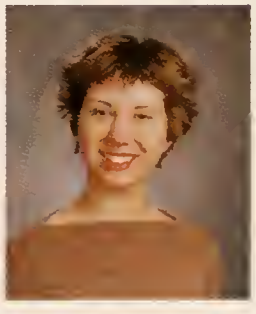

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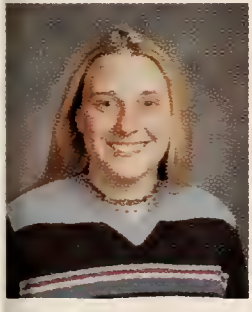

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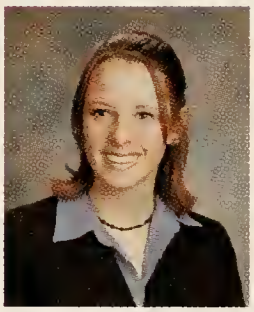

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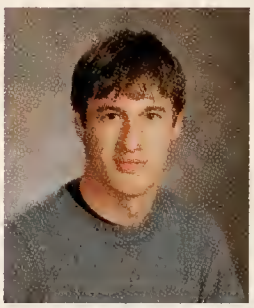

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

What you are holding in your hands is the result of many hours of hard work. Writers, photographers and designers came together to produce a publication that would aptly represent the life of the Ohio University student body. These staff members included students from the Schools of Journalism, Visual Communications, Psychology, Fine Arts and Interpersonal Communication.

Although the staff was small, it was a committed group who was willing to take time away from classes, jobs and other commitments to show you the "Faces" of Ohio University. Through this effort, we ourselves have learned much about the character of the university and the individual faces that surround us. Each page within this book tells a different story of a different group, and it was our privilege to learn these stories firsthand. With interviews and photographs, we have tried to capture the spirit, community, diversity and culture that exist on this campus. In turn, we have learned where we might fit into this picture.

Ohio University is a special place, and each student that passes through makes a unique mark on its history and its future. I hope this book will help you to remember your role in this community of thousands and allow you to hold these memories close in years to come.

Sincerely,
Molly Tinker
Editor-in-Chief

Colophon

The 98th edition of The Athena Yearbook, "Faces," was produced by students at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, from August 2002-June 2003. The full-color yearbook covers fall through winter quarters in one hardbound edition, and covers spring quarter in a 32-page supplement. Both will be either picked up by students or mailed in the summer of 2003.

The cover and pages were designed in QuarkXPress 4.0 on Apple computers: two iMacs and a G3. Other software applications used include Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop 5.5 and 6.0 and Microsoft Word. A Nikon Coolscan II negative scanner was used for nearly all photographs. Others were scanned on a Silverscanner II. All pre-press production was done in-house with page negatives delivered to the printer, Jostens, in Clarksville, Tennessee. Robin Fritts was the Josten's representative.

Senior portraits were taken by a contracted outside studio, Lauren Studios, of Rochester, N.Y. The representative was Joel Siegel. Education Services, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga., collected corporate advertising and was represented by Paul Wimmler.

Four-process color was used for all pages. The font used throughout the book was Univers.

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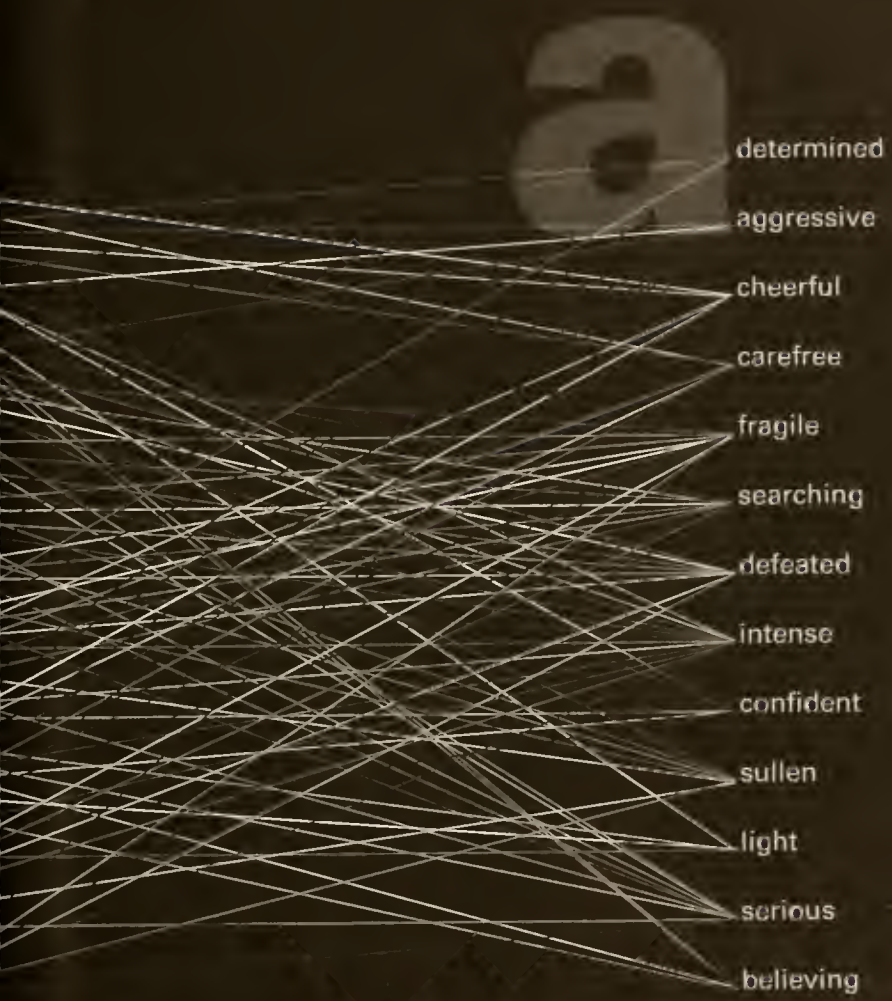
smile
wink
grin
blush
frown
wide-eyed
tears
pout
smirk
scowl
grimace
glow
sneer
joy
excitement
anger
frustration
shock
confusion
vulnerability
sorrow
love
happiness
surprise
sadness
embarrassment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aggressive
cheerful
carefree
fragile
searching
defeated
intense
confident
sullen
light
serious
believing

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